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## Flickering signal highlights BR 'skill shortage'



Maurice Holmes: If anything needs to be done it will be done immediately.

**By Roland Rudd and Philip Webster**

A skills shortage which is crippling British Rail has been highlighted by the Clapham Junction disaster, which killed 33 people.

As British Rail began its own inquiry into the triple train crash yesterday, senior trade union leaders said the company must regret the controversial pay package they imposed on 5,000 engineers responsible for maintenance of telecommunication and signals equipment.

The inquiry is expected to find that BR staff, called out on the night before the tragedy, failed to locate the signal fault which is being blamed for the crash.

Union leaders believe the package did nothing to alleviate low morale and did not go far enough to meet the discrepancies between the basic salary of a BR technician at £8,661 a year compared with the £11,158 salary of a British Telecom technician in a similar grade.

Lower down the grading structure a BR assistant technician is on a salary of £5,443 compared with the

equivalent BT salary of £8,189. One of British Rail's arguments defending its lower salary structures is that pay is heavily boosted by overtime, but unions refuse to accept this claiming that longer working hours can themselves be a danger factor.

Mr Jimmy Knapp, the general secretary of the National Union of Railwaymen, said: "The retention of key staff is now reaching crisis proportions in many parts of the country. BR has to tackle the fundamental problem of uncompetitive basic rates of pay and long hours if we are to continue to recruit and retain staff." The management

believed it was doing that in introducing allowances for nearly 20,000 staff who work shifts and who already qualified for irregular and unsocial hours payments.

Mr Neil Milligan, the general secretary of the Associated Society of Locomotive Engineers and Firemen, has welcomed proposals to increase the London area allowance by £10 a week for train drivers and £1,200 a year for signal and telecommunication staff. He said, however, that the "belated effort to recruit and retain staff" will not solve the crisis immediately.

"Unfortunately it will be a long time before British Rail have the essentially skilled staff, drivers, signal and telegraph staff, all trained and operational."

Labour leaders backed the unions yesterday with Mr Neil Kinnock calling for a £210 million injection by the Government for changes designed to reduce overcrowding on Inter-City and Network South-East. Large numbers of passengers packed into carriages would make any crash "particularly devastating", he said

in a letter to Mrs Thatcher. "The question of what the Government is doing to reduce overcrowding on commuter trains is given a sudden and horrific urgency by Monday's appalling accident," he wrote.

He also called for action to ease the "chronic staff shortages" afflicting BR, which was short of 7,500 workers throughout Britain. "When there is such widespread concern, when the problems are so clearly identified and the remedies so urgently needed, I hope you will agree that investment in improvement and in staff must be made as a matter of priority," he told the Prime Minister.

At the same time Mr John Prescott, Labour's transport spokesman, urged that the Clapham inquiry should look into the financing of British Rail.

In a letter to Mr Paul Channon, the Secretary of State for Transport, he wrote: "I am concerned that the public inquiry... should cover all aspects of passenger safety on Network South-East. This would include financing, staffing levels, the

problem of overcrowding and congestion and whether the overall responsibility for safety on the railways should be transferred from the Department of Transport to an independent body."

Among the first witnesses at yesterday's British Rail inquiry was Mr Alex McClymont, the driver who had stopped to use a trackside telephone to report a signal fault when a crowded express ploughed into the back of his stationary train.

The inquiry panel, headed by Mr Maurice Holmes, BR's safety director, will question train crews about signals and braking. "If the inquiry reveals that anything urgent needs to be done, it will be done immediately," said a BR spokesman.

A message of sympathy and condolences was sent to Mrs Thatcher yesterday by President Gorbachev. Amid the tragedy of the Armenia earthquake, he said: "We are taking particularly close to our hearts the pain and suffering of others and feeling acutely the significance of human solidarity."

ON SATURDAY  
IN COLOUR

### Shooting the war



● On September 3, 1939, at 11am, Britain declared war on Germany. Next year is the 50th anniversary of that momentous event, and the film and television industries do not intend to let it go unmarked.

● In Hollywood, Robert Mitchum and a cast of thousands are making *War and Remembrance*. In Britain countless productions are in hand, each requiring not only an accurate script but also authentic uniforms, vehicles and firearms. How do they get them? On Saturday, in colour, *The Times* looks at the preparations for war.

**Plus . . .**

● Keeping up the castle: how does the aristocracy feel about Nicholas Ridley?

● In search of Santa: *The Times* scouts Scandinavia for the real Father Christmas.

● On other pages: Clive Davis on Nat King Cole; Bryan Appleyard on Cyprus; Jonathan Meades on restaurants; Jane MacQuitty on wine; Frances Bissell, *The Times* Cook; and Layan Sudjic on the perfect cup of coffee.

WIN £52,000

### Portfolio PLUS Accumulator

● Yesterday's £4,000 daily prize was shared between three winners (see page 3). Today's Portfolio Accumulator stands at £52,000. Prices: page 29

## Blunt speaking by ministers at stormy six-hour Belfast meeting

# Angry King attacks Irish on extradition

● Ministers continued their attack on the Irish Government over its refusal to extradite Father Patrick Ryan

● Mr Tom King, the Northern Ireland Secretary, formally requested Dublin to review its extradition law

● Sir Patrick Mayhew, the Attorney General, said the reasons given for the decision were "regrettably offensive"

● Irish ministers maintained that the case involving Father Ryan was unique and would not be repeated

By Robin Oakley, Richard Ford and Jamie Dettmer

British ministers kept up a barrage of criticism of the Irish authorities' refusal to extradite Father Patrick Ryan yesterday, and called for changes in Ireland's extradition law.

In the Commons, Sir

### Policemen shot in post raid

By Stewart Tendler and Robin Young

Two London policemen and two armed robbers were wounded last night in an exchange of shots when Flying Squad detectives challenged a gang raiding a west London sub post office.

The shooting took place after Flying Squad officers investigating a series of robberies in west London, took up positions round a sub post office in Old Oak Common Lane, Acton. Just after 5pm five men arrived and launched the raid.

The staff sounded the alarm and police confronted the raiders. A flurry of shots rang out in the street leaving a detective-sergeant and a detective-constable wounded.

One of the wounded policemen was shot in the buttocks and the second received a wound to his left hand. The two armed robbers were not said to be seriously wounded. Detectives were last night searching for a fifth member of the gang who escaped.

### Cricket crisis

English cricket was plunged into a new political crisis when Pakistan announced its withdrawal from a one-day international series in New Zealand because of the South African connections of some England players. Page 42

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Mr King, left, and Mr John Stanley, Minister of State for Northern Ireland, centre, greeting Mr Collins and Mr Lenihan.

## £500,000 campaign to save the egg

By John Young, Agriculture Correspondent

A £500,000 advertising campaign funded by the Government will be launched tomorrow to restore public confidence in the safety of eating eggs.

The advertisement, issued jointly by the Department of Health and the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, will be carried for three days in national daily and Sunday newspapers, and in leading regional newspapers. It is based on advice from the Government's Chief Medical Officer, Sir Donald Acheson.

But there were few signs that the wording, agreed after the best part of three days of fractious negotiations between the two departments and involving the Prime Minister, will satisfy farmers facing financial ruin or Conservative MPs representing rural seats, who have blamed the salmonella scare on Mrs Edwina Currie, the Under Secretary of

State for Health.

Dr David Clark, Labour's chief agriculture spokesman, said that Mrs Currie's remark that most egg production was

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## US urges pull-out by Israelis

By Philip Jacobson in Geneva and Andrew McEwen in London

General Vernon Walters, the US Ambassador to the United Nations, yesterday urged Israel to face up to its eventual need to pull out from the occupied territories.

In a speech which implicitly marked out the limits of Washington's support for

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Jerusalem, he told the UN

special session in Geneva:

"For Israel, the choice is clear,

albeit difficult. In order to

achieve the security it de-

serves and requires, Israel

must face up to the need for

withdrawal from the occupied

territories and to the need to

accommodate legitimate Pal-

eststinian political rights."

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## Genetic engineering offers cure for haemophilia

By Pearce Wright, Science Editor

A crucial discovery by researchers in genetic engineering at the National Institute for Medical Research, at Mill Hill, in north London, means that a cure for the main inherited blood disorders, such as haemophilia, should be possible within five years.

The discovery, in the most controversial area of medical research, gene replacement therapy, will allow genes made artificially in the laboratory to be inserted into humans to correct inherited illnesses.

Giving details of the research yesterday, Dr Dai Rees, secretary of the Medical Research Council, said the treatment would apply to most blood disorders caused by inherited defects. Haemophilia, the most preva-

lent inherited defect in Britain, affects 5,000 people, but other life-threatening conditions involving abnormal blood cells, such as thalassemia and sickle-cell anaemia, affect hundreds of thousands of people world-wide.

The breakthrough, made by a team working with Dr Frank Grosveld, should allow these conditions to be corrected by inserting the appropriate purified artificial gene into the bone marrow, where blood is made.

After years of research, the discovery came eventually from the study of just one thalassaemia sufferer.

Children who inherit the condition have severe anaemia because they can not make blood correctly. The abnormality appears in haemoglobin, the colouring substance in red blood

cells which is also essential for carrying oxygen to the body.

Dr Grosveld's group traced the basic fault to part of the haemoglobin molecule, the globin, or protein part. Using the latest advances in genetic engineering, they isolated from healthy cells the gene that controlled the production of globin, then devised a method to make copies of the pure gene. The artificially produced genes were inserted into mice, which thereupon produced pure human globin in their red blood cells.

The scientists found that artificially produced genes would manufacture healthy globin no matter where they were inserted in the genetic material of mice. The discovery of this "position independence" when transplant-

ing genes is the advance that is crucial for gene therapy.

While bone-marrow implants should be technically possible in three to five years, there were ethical issues to be resolved, Dr Rees said. A week ago, the United States Government refused permission for an experiment by Dr W. French Anderson, head of haematology at the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute, which would have put the first artificial gene into humans.

The American experiment was intended as a "dry run" in which the replacement gene would have had no therapeutic value but was to serve as a test marker in special cells that researchers had found to be effective against advanced cases of cancer.



## This cutlery book has taken 86 years to write

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## Chemist struck off roll for steroid deal with bodybuilders

By Mark Ellis

A pharmacist who sold anabolic steroids to professional bodybuilders and gymnasium owners became the first chemist in Britain to be struck off the register of the Royal Pharmaceutical Society for the offence yesterday.

Mr Halil Ozdemir, aged 33, who runs Woodside Pharmacy in Leytonstone High Street, east London, is said to have sold the drugs to buy the freehold on his property.

Judge Edward Sutcliffe, QC, chairman of the society's disciplinary committee, said Mr Ozdemir had not accounted satisfactorily for at least 34 bottles of 100 Anapolon 50mg tablets and at least 187 vials of Somatomorm injections.

"He was supplying Anapolon and Somatomorm without prescription to professional bodybuilders and gymnasium owners; he did so knowing they were not on prescription; he did so knowing they possessed dangerous characteristics and he did so without great profit because it was convenient and easy cash," he said.

"Mr Ozdemir... has let down pharmacy and the good name of the profession. He is guilty of such misconduct to render him unfit to be on the register."

Mr Ozdemir, a Turkish

Cypriot, was found guilty of professional misconduct, but claimed he sent drugs to a hospital in the Turkish zone of Cyprus for children with growth deficiencies.

However, he had admitted to inspectors selling drugs to bodybuilders and gym owners at Tilbury, Essex, Stratford and Leytonstone, east London, and to a man in Croydon, Surrey, for only a few pounds profit. He said he sold steroids to an American athlete who had given him a signed photograph.

Mr Michael Sullivan, counsel for the society, branded Mr Ozdemir a "drug-peddler" and added that the case was particularly grave because he was in a position of trust in relation to dispensing drugs.

Mr Jonathan Fisher, representing Mr Ozdemir, said: "The question is whether Ozdemir is a pedlar of anabolic steroids in the same way that David Jenkins is, albeit on a smaller scale, because if so, it is a very grave charge and it is a destruction of everything for which he has worked since he left Turkish Cyprus."

Jenkins, a former British athlete and Olympic sprinter, was sentenced to seven years' jail this week by a court in California for his part in a racket to supply steroids.

The committee, comprising

five pharmacists, accepted that some drugs might have been sent to Cyprus with the help of a doctor who wrote out a prescription on behalf of the hospital.

Society inspectors visited the pharmacy in October last year, during a 16-month investigation into alleged illegal drug supplies.

They found a discrepancy in the quantity of anabolic steroids bought from wholesalers and the amount registered as sold.

No loss of stock was recorded. Mr Ozdemir is said to have told them the drugs had been sold on prescription to gym owners for several months even though there were no forms to confirm the transactions.

Mr Ozdemir came to Britain as a child and trained as a pharmacist at Leicester Polytechnic. He has run his business for the past six years and has three months in which to appeal.

He refused to comment on the verdict, only saying he intended to appeal.

After the hearing, Mr Alan Davidson, deputy head of the society's law department, said: "This is the first case of its kind. It is very unfortunate that a pharmacist had to be brought before the society in this way."

## Pinch of courage from a young hero

CHRIS HARRIS



David Pinder, at four Britain's youngest liver transplant patient, meeting Michael Crawford after the awards ceremony.

By Emma Wilkins

The Duchess of York praised the bravery and determination of this year's winners of the Children of Courage Awards at Westminster Abbey yesterday.

The Duchess paid tribute to David Pinder, aged four, who is Britain's youngest liver transplant patient. David, from Wavne, near Hull, endured a series of operations while still a baby, before his transplant in America. He went on a seven-mile sponsored walk for the village hall to thank the people of Humber-side, who helped to pay for his trip.

David's mother, Mrs Susan Pinder, aged 26, said he asked the Duchess for a kiss when she presented him with a medal and scroll. "After she had kissed

him, he said he wanted to go home with her and meet Princess Beatrix."

The Duchess commended the prompt action of two schoolboys who grabbed the wheel of their school bus after the driver had a heart attack. Anthony Walters, aged 16, and Simon Marsh, aged 11, from Tredegar, Gwent, steered the bus up a grass verge where it crashed into the side of a house.

Anthony, who was badly cut and spent a month in hospital, said: "It didn't feel as though we were doing anything brave at the time. I was just terrified in case we crashed into the bus that was coming in the opposite direction."

Kelly Taylor, aged 11, had her left leg amputated only months after both her parents were killed in the Zeebrugge ferry

disaster. She has defied her disability to swim, dance and roller skate. Kelly, from Woolwich, south-east London, wants to be a nurse at the Hospital for Sick Children, Great Ormond Street. "Nurses are very kind", she said. "I like children and I want to look after them."

The other 11 winners shared her quiet courage. "I only think I am brave because people keep telling me I am", she said.

The awards, sponsored by *Woman's Own*, were presented after a carol service in Westminster Abbey attended by local school children. The winners met celebrities including Adrian Moorhouse, the Olympic swimming champion, Michael Crawford, the actor, and Mike Smith, the television personality.

### Portfolio PLUS Accumulator

Mr John Russell will buy a new television with his share of yesterday's Portfolio winnings.

Mr Russell, of Tatton Road North, Heaton Moor, Stockport, shared the £4,000 prize with Mrs Frances Williams of Roding Way, Wickford, Essex, and Mr Duncan Bowles of "Paddock", Gilbert's Drive, Eastdean, Eastbourne.

### Church service changes

## Male terms may be dropped

By Robin Young

A discussion document released by the Church of England's liturgical commission is suggesting that the phraseology of the Alternative Service Book might be amended to get rid of male terms which are meant to include women.

The report, which has been prepared for the General Synod next February, says, for example, that in some places where the service mentions "mankind" the word could be replaced with "the world"; that "men" might become "people"; and "man" be replaced with "one".

It is adamant, however, that changes in the application of male pronouns and possessive adjectives in relation to God are not appropriate. The report confines itself to the text

in the Alternative Service Book and makes no suggestions for adaptation of the text of the Book of Common Prayer to meet feminist objections to "inclusive language".

Nor is there yet any formal proposal to authorize the alternative texts suggested in the report at this stage. If the House of Bishops did sanction the changes they could be used optionally, but would not be obligatory.

The Right Rev Colin James, Bishop of Winchester and chairman of the commission, said yesterday: "We are not proposing the total elimination of male terms used to include women. This is thought to be neither practicable nor desirable. But we are of the opinion that the

language of worship needs to be adapted to allow for changing usage."

The report notes that in some places clergy have already been making their own adaptations to the text of their services, under a freedom given by Canon B5 for a minister to make variations which are not of "substantial importance".

However, it says: "Not everyone would regard some of the changes being made as not being of substantial importance, particularly when some people make changes in the application of male pronouns and possessive adjectives in relation to God."

Making Women Visible will be available in bookshops from January 16, at £3.50.

### Planning hitch for TV dishes

By Richard Evans Media Editor

Television viewers may not use more than one satellite dish unless they obtain planning permission, the Government confirmed yesterday.

The clause in the Town and Country Planning General Development Order, 1977, could have disastrous consequences for British Satellite Broadcasting, which plans to launch three new satellite channels seven months after Sky Television and other stations start broadcasting early next year.

Viewers who buy a 60cm dish to receive programmes from the 16-channel Astra satellite will need planning permission if they want to set up a separate dish - known as a "secondary" - to receive BSB programming.

Anyone using a second dish illegally could be fined up to £2,000 plus £200 for every day the second dish remains. The Act was updated in October although officials decided to leave the dish clause unchanged, the Department of the Environment said yesterday.

Some councils in the north of England, where bigger dishes may be needed, have prepared strict guidelines on the consent of planning permission.

BSB said last night that the planning rules were a good reason why people should wait and see before rushing to buy any dish.

### Optical fibre link to America opens

By Robert Matthews, Technology Correspondent

The world's first transatlantic optical fibre cable, capable of carrying up to 40,000 simultaneous telephone calls between America and the UK and France, opened for business yesterday.

Described as a "milestone in telecommunications history", the £220 million TAT-8 cable will double the amount of communication now possible using undersea links. Its launch also marks the introduction of higher service standards.

Previously, engineers have relied on copper as the means of transporting signals across the Atlantic. Such cables need many hundreds of "repeaters", lying in tens of thousands of feet of water, to boost the signals on their way.

TAT-8's main cable consists of just six hair-thin strands of special glass. Using tiny lasers, messages are converted into digital pulses of light, which are squirted down the fibres. The use of such technology, invented by British scientists at the former research laboratories of STC, the telecom-

munication company, will lead to greater clarity. Fewer repeaters will also improve reliability.

From its starting point in Tuckerton, New Jersey, the cable extends more than 3,500 miles to an ocean-bed branching point off the coast of France. There it divides to reach both France and Britain.

To protect against damage by sharks and submarines, the fibre is buried 30 ft under the sea floor until the water is more than a third of a mile deep. At greater depths, it is protected with steel cladding.

British Telecom, AT&T of the US and France Telecom are the main contributors to the project. The cable itself was supplied by STC's factory in Southampton. The Department of Trade and Industry's Communications Steering Group has advised against a complete switch to optical fibre-based communications. In a report published yesterday, it recommended a flexible policy, allowing further experimentation.

### Jail threat to Higgins

Alex Higgins, the snooker player, was threatened with Christmas in jail if he fails to pay his former wife maintenance. Manchester county court was told yesterday.

Mr Higgins was given until midnight on Friday to start

clearing arrears of nearly £15,000 owed to Mrs Lynn Higgins. If he defaults, Mr Stuart Neale, for Mrs Higgins, confirmed he would apply for Mr Higgins to be sent to prison for six weeks, the maximum penalty.

### Channel 4 focuses on entertainment

By Andrew Billen, Arts Correspondent

Channel 4 is placing a greater emphasis on entertainment in its schedules for the new year and has succeeded in buying two leading series recently launched in the United States.

The station, which has a reputation for showing some of the US's best comedy series, such as *Cheers*, *The Cosby Show* and *The Golden Girls*, will screen *Roseanne* on Fridays from late January.

Made by the Cosby producers, Marcy Carney and Tom Werner, *Roseanne* stars the American comedienne Roseanne Barr.

As well as winning a large audience in the US the pro-

gramme has been welcomed by critics for centering on black-collar America at a time when programmes are increasingly aimed at the affluent middle class.

Channel 4 will also show from next month the outstanding drama series of the American season, *Thirtysomething*, about a group of college graduates still in touch 10 years later and facing the first trappings of middle age.

Starting on New Year's Day and continuing over the next two Saturdays, Channel 4 will present a festival to celebrate the eighty-fourth birthday of Sir Michael Tippett. It com-

prises a documentary showing the composer at work, a television version of his first opera, *The Midsummer Marriage*, and the wartime oratorio *A Child of Our Time*.

There will be two big movie seasons, the first featuring the new wave of Chinese filmmakers and the second an almost complete retrospective of the films of the Soviet director Andrei Tarkovsky.

Documentaries include *Vincent*, a history of drink, *On Trial*, on the future of the law and a further instalment of *Children 2000*, the yearly survey of 20 British children born in 1982.

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## NEWS ROUNDUP

## Hurd backing for police at Wapping

The prosecution of several policemen over allegations of brutality during the protests at News International's Wapping plant should not be allowed to obscure the good work done by London police during a difficult and prolonged dispute, Mr Douglas Hurd, the Home Secretary, told Police Federation officials yesterday.

His comments were made in the wake of an announcement earlier this week by the Crown Prosecution Service that a number of officers are to face summonses after an investigation by the Northamptonshire force. A list of between 20 and 30 officers has been drawn up. A decision on who will be prosecuted is to be made in the next few days.

Mr Hurd said he could not comment on the cases, but he shared police concern over the time taken by the investigation and the distress caused to officers waiting for a conclusion. "I think it right everyone should be reminded of the stresses and strains to which the Metropolitan Police were exposed", Mr Hurd said.

## Tighter seat-belt laws

Drivers will be fined for failing to strap children into the backseats of cars fitted with seat belts from next spring, Mr Peter Bottomley, Under Secretary of State for Transport, is confident the fine, probably £50, will reduce the number of children injured in car accidents. Sixty were killed and 7,000 injured while travelling unrestrained in the back seats of cars last year.

## Duke helps in rescue

The Duke of York took part in the rescue of 18 Vietnamese "boat people" while his ship, HMS Edinburgh, was on her six-month voyage with a Royal Navy force which joined Australia's bi-centennial celebrations. Details of the rescue, about 250 miles off the Vietnamese coast in September, emerged yesterday when the ship returned to her home port of Rosyth, Fife, with the duke on board. His return is in time for the christening of Princess Beatrice, his daughter, on Tuesday.

## Whitehall pay move

The Government had achieved a "massive breakthrough" in Civil Service pay, Mr Peter Kemp, the permanent secretary in charge of the Government's new managerial initiative, said yesterday when Her Majesty's Stationery Office staff are in future to be paid according to performance. Dr Paul Freeman, who takes over in the new year as head of the agency, will be paid a minimum of £45,800 but will be eligible for increases up to £57,000 a year if it performs according to Treasury profit targets.

## Holidaymakers hit

Thousands of would-be holidaymakers were told to stay at home yesterday as Spanish air traffic controllers joined the country's 24-hour general strike, halting all flights to Spain and the Canaries. Those who could not be contacted were put up in hotels near their departure airports and all are expected to leave today. At the same time, thousands had an extra day in their resorts. Thomson Holidays said they had managed to contact 90 per cent of the 2,700 passengers who should have left Britain yesterday. *Strike details, page 11*

## Grants for Bradford

Bradford is to receive £56 million in EEC grants and loans to promote the city's economic regeneration, the European Commission announced yesterday. The money will be used to modernise the city's water supply, complete the ring road and provide support for small businesses and training programmes for the unemployed.

## Epping poll today

Polling takes place today in the Epping Forest by-election, where the Conservatives are defending a 21,513 majority. Mr Steven Norris is confident of retaining the Conservatives' 15th safest seat, but with a much reduced majority. The by-election was prompted by the death of Sir John Biggs-Davison.

*General Election: J Biggs-Davison (C) 31,536; A Humphris (SDP/Alliance) 10,023; S Murray (Lab) 9,499.*

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## Disastrous lack of stewardship by museums alarms MPs

## Priceless collections 'deteriorating'

## Museums angry at Commons criticism

By Simon Tait

By Martin Fletcher  
Political Reporter

An all-party committee of MPs condemned the Government, the British Museum and the Victoria and Albert Museum yesterday for their failure to look after priceless national art collections.

The authoritative Commons Public Accounts Committee said that it was "seriously concerned" at the deteriorating state of the collections and that there had been "a major breakdown over many years in the proper stewardship of major national assets". One museum director had admitted that its failure to undertake repairs constituted "a national disaster".

Mr Robert Sheldon, committee chairman, said the situation was "horrifying and alarming". He added: "We are trying to acquire treasures for the nation which are in danger of going overseas but meanwhile parts of the stock that we have are decaying in our vaults".

The committee said the situation had to be tackled urgently through "a clear and concerted national programme, planned over a number of years and targeted at priority areas, and supported by an appropriate allocation of resources".

It had to be implemented with "unrelenting drive and determination... to secure the progressive improvements



Sir David Wilson: "financial trouble".



Mrs Esteve-Coll: "irreparable damage".

the public interest requires".

The report, based on an earlier investigation by the National Audit Office, said many of the seven million objects owned by the two museums were stored in cramped, chaotic, humid and overcrowded conditions. They believed the "major difficulties" faced by the British Museum and the V&A were probably shared by the other national museums and galleries. Many individual collections were still deteriorating while the condition of others was being "at

best contained or only very slowly improved".

The MPs said some of the delays in vital conservation work were "totally unacceptable". It had, for example, taken 128 years before a comprehensive survey of the V&A's National Art Library was carried out in 1985. That had revealed that thousands of valuable books and manuscripts were in urgent need of major repairs.

Mrs Elizabeth Esteve-Coll, director of the V&A, admitted to the MPs that it was "a national disaster" and "repre-

senting lasting and irreparable damage to some of the national heritage".

Some 100,000 items in the V&A's prints and drawings collection likewise required urgent treatment. With present staffing levels it would take 200 years to complete that work.

The museums themselves had failed to identify the full extent of the problems they faced, or the cost or time it would take to deal with them.

While the Government's Office of Arts and Libraries argued that there was scope

within the overall arts budget for allocating funds to meet the most urgent priorities, Sir David Wilson, director of the British Museum, had told the MPs that they were "in terrible trouble" financially and might have to make further staff cuts in 1989. The V&A was in a similar position.

Apart from calling for a concerted national programme, the MPs made a number of specific proposals. They said museums had to consider disposing of items. They accepted that reserve collections were important for research and disposals could be regretted by future generations, but continued: "There is no escape from the view that an inexorable rise in the size of the collections places serious demands on limited public funds". The British Museum told the committee it had no intention of reviewing its present policy of non-disposal.

The museums had to be more selective in their acquisitions. Their trustees had to be clear and frank about the big problems they faced in their statutory reports to Parliament. Computerized inventories of all collections had to be completed to enable proper stocktaking and ensure objects were not being lost or stolen.

*Public Accounts Committee: Management of the Collections of the English National Museums and Galleries (Stationery Office, £5.10).*

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## Libel law reform

## MPs' call adds to pressure

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent

Pressure is mounting for a change in the libel laws in the wake of *The Sun's* record £1 million payout to Elton John, the entertainer.

Twenty Labour MPs have tabled a Commons motion urging reform of the libel laws coupled with better compensation for injuries at work.

They are concerned at the contrast between the huge sums being awarded for libel, many in the past few weeks, and levels of compensation awarded for personal injuries.

The £1m award agreed by *The Sun*, double that awarded to Mr Jeffrey Archer last year, is the latest of a rash of awards which are fuelling pressure for legal reform.

Yesterday Mr Peter de Savary, a yacht-owning oil company chief, won undisclosed damages and costs in settlement of an action against the now-defunct *London Daily News*.

Mr John Preville, for Mr de Savary, told Mr Justice Mich-

ael Davies in the High Court that in May 1987 the newspaper published reports suggesting, wrongly, that the Fraud Squad suspected Mr de Savary, Falmouth Oil Services and Falmouth Oil were linked with serious offences.

In the Commons motion tabled by Mr David Clelland, MP for Tyneside, the MPs are calling on the Government to change the law "to provide for proper compensation for injuries sustained at work".

At the same time, they want "large proportions of libel damages to be paid into a legal aid fund to give financial assistance to those who cannot afford to fight to clear their names and reputations. The MPs speak of "the need to deter effectively irresponsible behaviour by the news media".

"We believe that the contrast between sums paid to already rich individuals for hurt feelings and those paid to working people who suffer

disabling injury and even death in the course of their work is a stark reminder of the contradictions in social values in today's Britain."

There are other moves for reform: Mr Tony Worthington, Labour MP for Clydebank and Milngavie, is introducing a private member's Bill in the new year which would create a statutory right of reply in the press. Legal aid is not available in libel cases.

Last year Sir James Goldsmith, the businessman, set up a fund to help individuals bring libel actions they could otherwise not afford.

## Fashion prize

Paris (AFP) — Ms Yoshi Takata, an aide to Pierre Cardin, the French designer, for 35 years, has been awarded the City of Paris's Silver Medal for helping to boost France's fashion relations with Japan.

## Hayward resigns from Life Guards

By Michael Evans, Defence Correspondent

Captain Simon Hayward resigned from the Army yesterday 16 months after being convicted of smuggling cannabis worth £500,000 into Sweden.

Captain Hayward, aged 33, sent his resignation letter from his cell in Gevaldigsgatan jail outside Malmö in southern Sweden, where he is serving a five-year term.

The Ministry of Defence confirmed that the Army Board had written to the Life Guards officer two weeks ago, requesting his resignation. "His resignation arrived today", a spokesman said, adding that he would receive a pension when he reached 60.

The end of Captain Hayward's career came as Mr Christopher Murray, his London solicitor, confirmed that "new evidence" had come to light. He said: "We're looking into it, it's very encouraging evidence."

Mr Murray may petition

the Swedish courts to reopen the case.

Captain Hayward's salary of £17,500 was stopped as soon as he was found guilty in a Stockholm court in August last year, although he was still officially in the Army until yesterday. He has always claimed he was innocent of the smuggling charge. He appealed unsuccessfully against his conviction in September last year.

He was arrested in a remote part of central Sweden 21 months ago after driving his brother's Jaguar car from Ibiza. Swedish border police who checked his car found 50 kilos of cannabis hidden in the chassis.

Captain Hayward denied any knowledge of the drugs and said he had driven the car to Sweden on his brother's behalf to sell it. His brother Christopher disappeared after the arrest and has not been seen since.

The MPs' call for more selectivity in acquisition is likely to receive a hollow laugh in national galleries whose purchase grants have been virtually frozen for the past three years. In a survey published earlier this year, the Museums and Galleries Commission criticized the Government for not supporting the museums more and came out heavily against the disposal of objects. "Disposal is not going to solve any of the problems we are talking about in the PAC report", Mr Peter Leggman, secretary of the commission, said.

The museums gave evidence to the PAC and made many of the points now being used against them. In 1980, the committee had asked the V&A how many more conservators it needed, and the reply was 40, double the existing figure.

One suggestion which is likely to be welcomed, however, is the committee's call for a "clear and concerted national programme" of conservation, and "appropriate allocation of resources".

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## BRITISH MIDLAND







## Dons may boycott examinations as protest over pay

By Douglas Broom, Education Reporter

A boycott of all examination work by 31,000 university lecturers, which could lead to thousands of students being unable to take their degree finals, is almost certain to start in the New Year.

The Association of University Teachers yesterday published the results of a ballot of its members showing a two-to-one majority in favour of industrial action over pay.

Dons are angry because university vice-chancellors have refused to make a pay offer for the salary year ending in April on the ground that they have no money to fund a deal.

The association's ruling council, meeting at Warwick University, is expected to agree today that the boycott should start from the beginning of the academic term on January 9.

If it goes ahead, the action will involve a ban on setting, marking or invigilating examinations.

Everything from first-year exams to degree finals will be affected, but lecturers will be free to continue with work on school examinations such as GCSE and A level. Miss Diana Warwick, general secretary of the association, said yesterday: "The decline in academic pay is critical for the universities and for the nation which needs graduates of high calibre."

"This vote demonstrates that our members are prepared to take damaging action because they feel they have no option. No union could have wished less to be forced into this situation, but when all reasonable discussions have failed, action is the only course."

Last year university academic staff were given a 23 per cent pay rise to cover the period from April 1986 to March 1988.

The association says that £50 million, which the Government is giving to the universities from next April and is unallocated so far, could be used to provide a 7 per cent across the board rise.

Mr Stephen Rouse, assistant secretary at the Committee of Vice-Chancellors and Principals, said: "Interfering with examinations would be unprofessional and a serious breach of contract". However, he added: "The vice-chancellors are confident that few would do so because it is so damaging to students who have no part in a squabble over staff pay".

Addressing the council's opening session, Mr Allen McTernan, association president, said reductions in government spending on universities was part of a policy of cutting the "life enhancing element of public sector expenditure".

He said: "What fraction of the cost of a single Trident missile would be necessary to wipe out the debts of universities accumulated since the cuts started in 1981?"

"How many flights to the Falklands would have to be cut in order to restore the recurrent grant to the university sector to a level that would provide proper salaries for university staff?"

He added: "We have a professional responsibility, individually and collectively, to speak up to protect and advance opportunities for higher education in this country and to guard the standards and integrity of scholarship and research".

## Serpentine pirates capture rear admiral

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Rear Admiral Jeremy Larken, commander of the assault ship HMS Fearless during the Falklands campaign, with "pirates" Mr Derek Picot (left) general manager of the Sheraton Park Tower Hotel, London, and Mr Simon Kluge, an account executive at the hotel, preparing for a boat race across the Serpentine, Hyde Park in aid of the King George's Fund for Sailors.

## MP to introduce Bill on national identity card

By Martin Fletcher, Political Reporter

The Commons will be asked to vote early in the new year on the introduction of a national identity card scheme. Mr Ralph Howell, Conservative MP for Norfolk North, who came third in the recent ballot for private member's Bills,

is going to introduce legislation which would make the carrying of such cards by everyone obligatory. He believes the scheme would be an important contribution towards improving law and order, and has the support of the 125,000

strong Police Federation, but not the Government. The Association of Chief Police Officers' general purposes committee has recommended that its full council support the idea at its meeting in January.

## Growing violence mars fall in crime

By Peter Evans, Home Affairs Correspondent

Violent crime is up by 13 per cent in England and Wales to a new peak, though overall offences are down by 3 per cent, the biggest fall for 10 years.

The figures, published yesterday, caused a mixture of concern and pleasure to ministers. They are for recorded crime in the 12 months to September, compared with a similar period a year earlier.

The good sign is that overall crime — 93 per cent involves property — has shown a dramatic turn round this year. Between 1980 and 1987 there was an annual average increase of 5 per cent.

The news is even better for the third quarter alone: the drop was 7 per cent compared with a similar period last year.

However, the number of sexual crimes increased by 10 per cent to 26,800 and violent offences rose by 13 per cent to 153,500. Those increases compare with annual average rises of 3 per cent and 5 per cent respectively between 1980 and last year.

Robberies fell by 0.8 per cent to 31,900.

Burglaries dropped by 8 per cent to 73,000. Mr John Patten, Home Office Minister of State, said yesterday that meant about 200,000 fewer police hours being spent on dealing with them.

He described the overall drop as a triumph for effective preventive policing and for the active citizen involved in neighbourhood watch or

crime prevention panels. There were now 60,000 neighbourhood watch schemes involving more than three million people, he said.

Government action to increase public awareness of the need to safeguard property has also been directed at vehicle crime.

Only 1 per cent more thefts from vehicles were recorded. There had been a 6 per cent increase in the 12 months to last June and a 12 per cent rise in the year to last March. Offences of theft or unauthorized taking of a motor vehicle fell by 6 per cent in the 12 months to September.

The success in reducing crime overall is thought by Ministers partly to point to a knock-on effect of a combination of measures, including a mounting government campaign for safer cities.

Metropolitan force areas in England and Wales showed a drop of 4.6 per cent compared with one of 0.9 per cent in non-Metropolitan force areas. The biggest falls were on Merseyside (10.5 per cent) and West Midlands (9.9 per cent).

In the Metropolitan Police district and City of London there was a 1 per cent decrease.

Home Office Statistical Bulletin. Notifiable Offences Recorded by the Police in England and Wales — Third Quarter 1988. (Statistical Department, Home Office, Lumar House, Croydon, Surrey CR0 9YD; £1.50).



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## Arab moderates will press US for change in Palestine policy

From Christopher Walker, Cairo

The moderate Arab states are planning a diplomatic offensive to support Mr Yasser Arafat's speech to the United Nations in Geneva, and to increase pressure on the US to reverse its refusal to open contacts with the Palestine Liberation Organisation.

Last night the official Middle East News Agency reported that President Mubarak of Egypt had personally rebuffed Mr George Shultz, the outgoing US Secretary of State, over his policy towards the Palestinians.

"Mubarak told the US Secretary that the US must take a more positive and understanding attitude towards the constructive resolutions taken by the PLO in recent weeks," the agency said.

Arab sources said yesterday that the main reason for the campaign was fear that extremists would soon regain the upper hand if PLO moderation achieved no progress.

Washington's frosty reaction drew an Arab response that was a mixture of anger and frustration. It served to intensify anti-American sentiment in the Arab world after the decision to deny the PLO leader a visa to visit New

York. The Arab attitude was summed up by a cartoon in the Bahraini daily *Al-Khaleej* which showed Mr Arafat plucking out his eye and offering it to President Reagan, who responds by telling him: "I want the other eye."

In the United Arab Emirates, the daily *Al-Bayan* said in a leading article: "The offer eliminated all question marks raised by the United States and Israel over Palestinian intentions. America is pushing the Palestinian case back to the beginning. It could prompt the Palestinians to take the zero option."

Both President Mubarak and King Hussein of Jordan, two of the strongest backers of American policy in the region, warmly praised the PLO leader's speech and claimed that it adequately met the demands from Washington for the beginning of a peace dialogue. "I do not know what more is required from Arafat," an exasperated Mr Mubarak told reporters as he emerged from the Soviet Embassy here, after paying respects to the victims of the Armenian earthquake.

"The US Administration should encourage the voice of moderation and should sup-

port its friends." The Egyptian leader, who is expected to make an early visit to Washington to press home his demands on the Bush Administration, added: "No head of state can guarantee 100 per cent that none of his citizens will undertake a terrorist operation to embarrass him."

"Arafat's speech covered all the points demanded by Washington and there is no need for statements claiming he did not mention these in a certain way."

A key element to the Arab plan is to open 1989 with an extraordinary Arab summit in Saudi Arabia which would take the Palestinian issue as its central theme and would invite Egypt to take part for the first time at such a gathering since its expulsion from the Arab League in 1979.

Yesterday President Assad of Syria, one of the bitterest Arab opponents of Egypt's return while she still maintains the peace treaty with Israel, was in Saudi Arabia for the first time in nearly four years. Western experts said his visit was connected with Saudi efforts to improve ties between Syria and Egypt and Syria and Iraq.

## Peres set to switch jobs in power tactic



Mr Shimon Peres telling the Knesset yesterday that Mr Yasser Arafat's UN speech was a political disappointment.

Mr Shimon Peres is preparing to resign as Israel's Foreign Minister after deciding that Mr Yasser Arafat's speech to the UN means that the peace process is deadlocked for the foreseeable future.

The Labour leader, who is involved in the last stages of negotiations to form another coalition with Likud, has been persuaded that his best strategy now would be to take over the Finance Ministry. From there he could supervise a recovery plan for the ailing Israeli economy, rather than try to start negotiations for peace. Labour Party leaders hope that, if he succeeds as Finance Minister, it will give him the best chance of winning the next election.

Analysing the UN speech in the Knesset yesterday, Mr Peres showed that his views on this subject are the same as those of Mr Yitzhak Shamir, the Likud Prime Minister, who called it "a monumental act of deception".

The Foreign Minister said the speech was at best a rhetorical success, but at the same time a political disappointment. It had failed to confront the real issues, he said. Promises made by the Palestine Liberation Organisation to the US had not been fulfilled and expected decisions had not been taken. "All Arafat did was acrobatics," he said.

The PLO leader had forgotten his history because the 1947 UN resolution on

partitioning Palestine, which he now said he accepted, "was rejected by the Arabs, not just with words, but with swords, blood and war".

The PLO leader was trying to merge this dead resolution with the one passed in 1967 which implicitly acknowledged Israel's right to exist. "You cannot look at a cemetery and pretend it is a maternity ward," Mr Peres said.

As to renouncing terror, Mr Peres said the speech left the door open for further violence in the occupied territories by describing the uprising as "a democratic process". Did Mr

uprising and its violence. "But you have either got to shoot or talk. Those who shoot at us will be shot right back. It is not important what he says. What is important is that he goes on shooting."

● LONDON: Britain yesterday took a much more positive view than Washington of Mr Arafat's speech in Geneva, implicitly widening the gap between the two allies on their attitudes to the PLO (Andrew McEwen writes).

London differed even more sharply with the Israelis. Whitehall sources saying that Mr Shamir's reaction was "a matter for regret".

A Foreign Office spokesman noted: "We were encouraged by what Mr Arafat said in his speech. It represented a further move forward from the Algiers PNC (Palestine National Council) declaration, and underlined the extent to which the PLO had changed their position."

"We recognized that the language of the speech reflected the nature of the occasion, but we still hoped for greater clarity."

Whitehall sources would not say which aspect of the speech lacked clarity. Unlike many observers, the Foreign Office appeared not to be critical of Mr Arafat's failure explicitly to state that the PLO recognized the state of Israel.

The sources said that repeated references to Israel in the speech amounted to implicit recognition.

## British pledge to stop EEC fraud

From Michael Dynet, Brussels

Britain yesterday promised to "jump on" any evidence of corruption affecting the EEC budget, following the annual official report on Community finances for 1987 which exposed widespread fraud, deception and mismanagement.

But Mr John MacGregor, Minister for Agriculture, said yesterday that the document contained very little criticism of the United Kingdom.

It was imperative in future for every new spending proposal by the Commission to be examined thoroughly, and all scope for fraudulent practices rooted out. "Where we find evidence of corruption in Britain, we will jump on it," Mr MacGregor said.

The report, drawn up by the EEC's Court of Auditors, revealed rampant corruption in the allocation of pensions to Community staff, "manipulation" in agricultural spending, and widespread profiteering in beef export refunds.

An astonishingly large number of low-grade officials received disability pensions, which provide up to 70 per cent of normal salary for life. As many as nine out of 10 secretaries had obtained disability pensions, while almost

every driver and porter was assured of such a pension.

A comparison with a leading French financial institution over the same period showed that, while only 3 per cent of male bank workers qualified for disability pensions, the figure for EEC staff was more than 34 per cent.

The document also exposed serious malpractices in agriculture, in which the European Commission had been "manipulating" the Community's annual budget to try to demonstrate that restrictions on farm spending, first introduced after the Fontainebleau summit in 1984 and tightened after the Brussels summit in February, had been adhered to.

Substantial potential for fraud was unearthed, after a year-long investigation into beef exports from Britain, Ireland, West Germany and France demonstrated that hardly any of the exports on which refunds were paid had been checked by national customs authorities.

The Court of Auditors said that the new Commission, which takes office in the new year, must "correct" the situation.

### WORLD ROUNDUP

## Pretoria ready to return MiG pilot

Johannesburg — South Africa has offered to repatriate the pilot of an Angolan MiG-21 fighter aircraft which strayed into Namibia as part of a peace agreement signed this week with Angola and Cuba (Gavin Bell writes).

The unprecedented incursion took place on Tuesday, when the pilot apparently became lost in heavy cloud, ran out of fuel and landed in a field 150 miles south of the Angola-Namibia border. A Defence Force spokesman said the South African Air Force had not intercepted or communicated with the plane.

The incident took place as South Africa, Angola and Cuba were signing a protocol in Brazzaville providing for Namibian independence and withdrawal of Cuban troops from Angola. Mr Pik Botha, the South African Foreign Minister, offered yesterday to return the plane and exchange the pilot for a South African soldier captured in Angola.

## Cameraman freed

A British journalist held for almost 18 months by the right-wing Mozambique National Resistance in a remote bush camp was released yesterday as a gesture of goodwill for Christmas. The Foreign Office said that Mr Nicholas de la Casa, aged 28, a freelance cameraman, who was accused of being a British spy by the South African-backed guerrillas, had arrived in neighbouring Malawi. The British Government had refused to negotiate directly for his release.

## Greek minister quits

Athens — Another minister resigned from the Greek Government yesterday plunging the Papandreu Administration, beleaguered by financial scandals, deeper into disarray (A Correspondent writes). Mr Stathis Yotas, the Junior Defence Minister, became the sixth minister to resign in as many weeks. Mr Yotas, who also resigned as a parliamentary deputy, blamed "interventions made recently in the performance of my duties".

## Mandela's law award

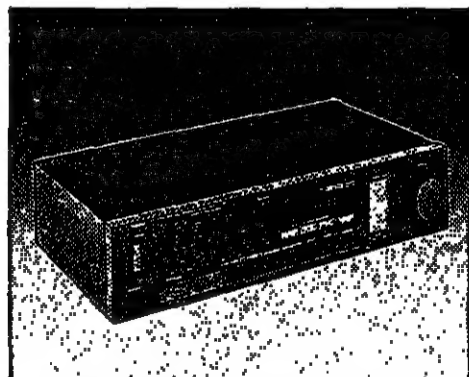
Johannesburg (Reuters) — Nelson Mandela has received the highest qualification available in the South African legal system that has kept him in prison since 1962. Professor Marinus Weichers, of the University of South Africa, said yesterday that Mandela, aged 70, had passed by correspondence his final examination for admission to the bar as an advocate, the South African equivalent of a barrister. "It is a great achievement," Professor Weichers said.

## Dissident released

Moscow (AP) — A man who was sentenced to seven years in a labour camp and two years of exile for protesting against the exile of Dr Andrei Sakharov, the Nobel Peace Prize winner, has been freed, a dissident source said yesterday. Alexander Podrabinek, an editor of the human rights journal *Ekspress-Khronika*, said Vazir Melnikov, a 50-year-old mathematician, was freed from exile in Siberia by a clemency order of the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet.

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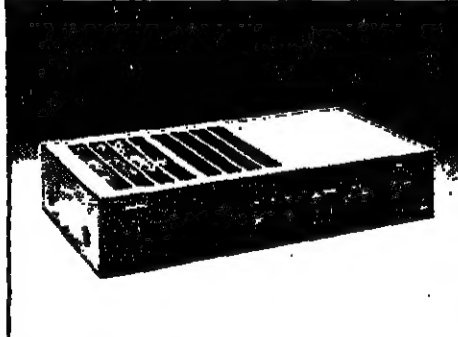
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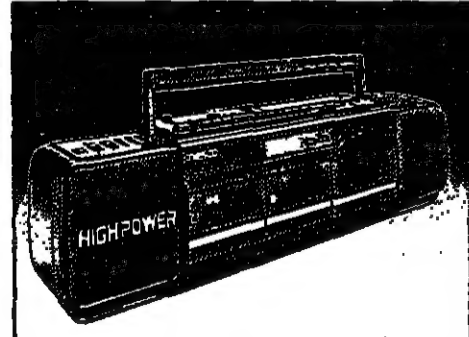
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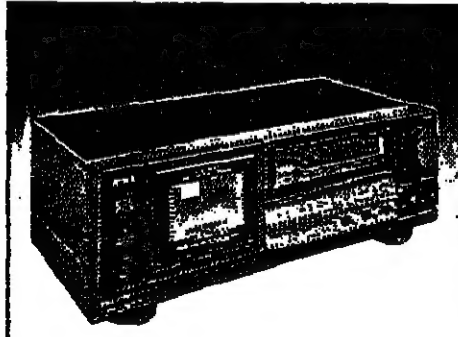
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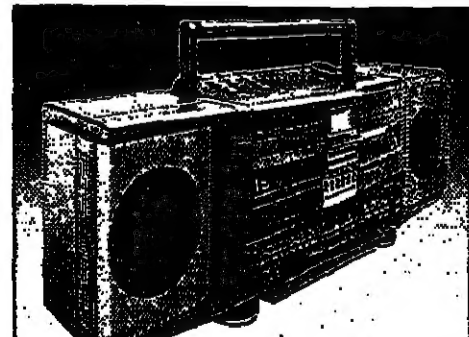
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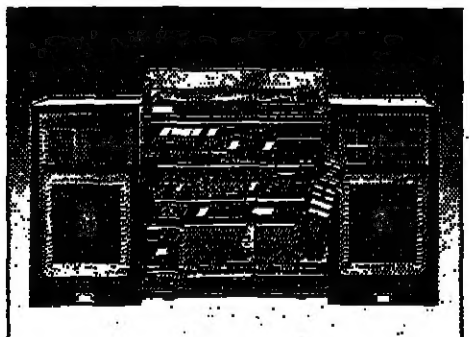
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Health chief describes earthquake rescue work as troops stay on the alert for ethnic unrest

# Soviet minister tells of 'London blitz' on enormous scale

From Mary Dejevsky, Moscow

Dr Yevgeny Chazov, the Soviet Health Minister, yesterday gave some of the most vivid and authoritative accounts yet of the chaos that faced the first Soviet rescue workers after the Armenian earthquake.

He also called for the establishment of a national emergency service that would be ready and trained to cope with disasters, such as the Chernobyl nuclear accident and earthquake relief.

Dr Chazov returned from Yerevan, the Armenian capital, on Tuesday after co-ordinating the medical services in the first five days of the rescue operation. The work of the medical teams has been widely praised as the most successful part of an otherwise inadequate response to the disaster by the Soviet emergency services.

The minister, who declined to confirm a Moscow radio report that he had condemned the Soviet civil defence organization as "completely bankrupt", said that he was informed about the scale of the disaster within hours and had the first medical teams on the spot the same day.

Specialist medical teams were assembled initially from Moscow, the republic of Georgia, and elsewhere in Armenia to fly to Leninakan. They were subsequently joined by teams from other Soviet cities. Dr Chazov said that the first few days had afforded scenes that

would never be forgotten by those who witnessed them. He spoke of children found alive between dead parents, of limbs being amputated on the streets without anaesthetic, of instant decisions doctors had to take — like whether to remove the hand of a three-year-old girl.

He compared the devastation and the large number of "crush" injuries with the London blitz — except that the earthquake happened more

Moscow — Sergei Grigoryants, the editor of the Moscow-based unofficial journal, *Glasnost*, has been under arrest in Yerevan for more than a week (Mary Dejevsky writes). The Foreign Ministry said yesterday he was charged with breaking the curfew after ignoring troops' requests not to photograph. He was being detained for up to 30 days under emergency regulations.

suddenly and the numbers were even greater.

All the medical facilities in the town of Spitak were destroyed, as were most of the hospitals in Leninakan. There was no power and no running water. Seventy per cent of trained medical personnel in the area were killed.

Dr Chazov said that those who survived were in deep shock and unable to work. Many had lost members of their families. It had been essential to bring in trained

staff from outside, and to evacuate those most seriously injured to specialist hospitals. The majority were in Armenia and Georgia, but 270 were in Moscow. Of more than 5,000 people treated in hospital, only 50 had died.

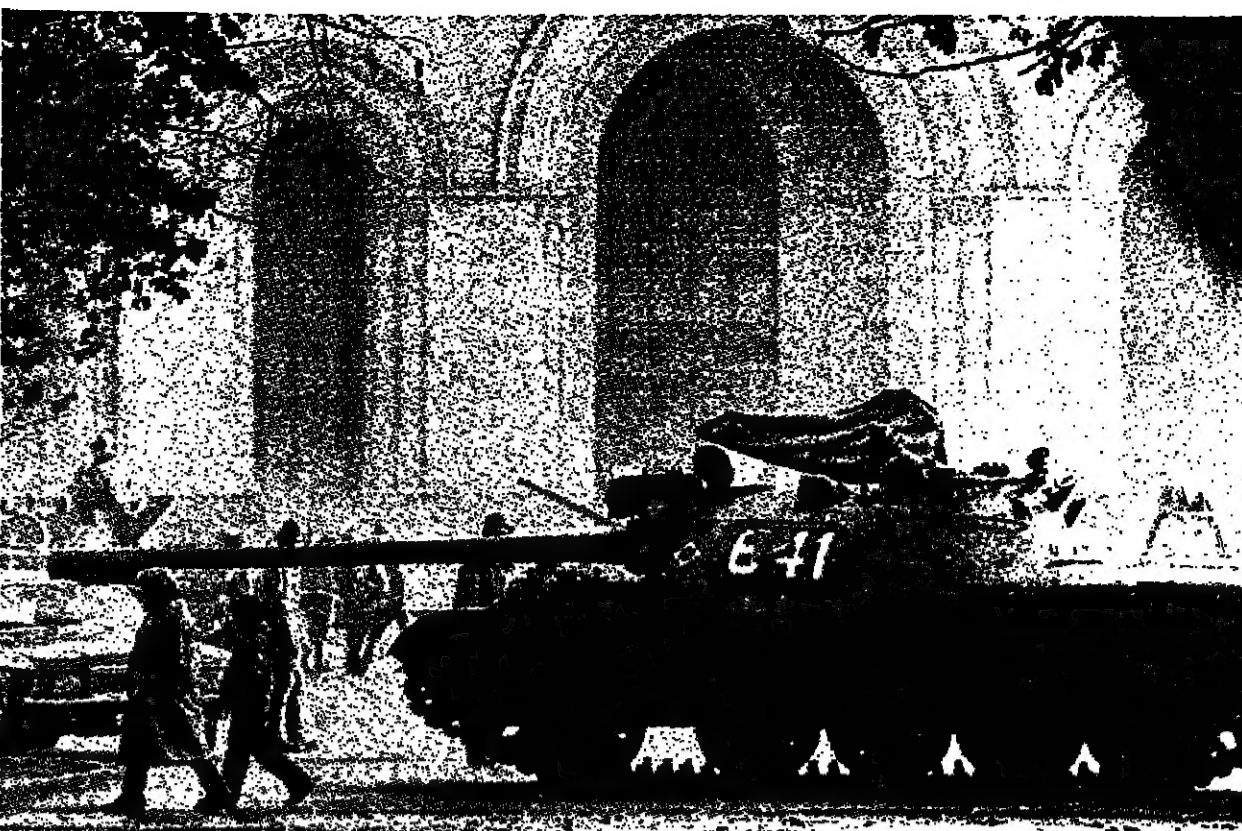
In a departure from previous practice, Dr Chazov said that the medical authorities were also providing psychiatric help for survivors. The minister said that he had insisted on the most stringent measures to prevent infection.

Bodies had to be buried immediately they were recovered, troops had been inoculated, and the emergency water supplies that had been fixed up were regularly monitored. But Dr Chazov denied reports that helicopters were spraying the ruined towns with disinfectant and also discounted rumours that typhus had broken out.

He confirmed that no survivors were taken to hospital in the neighbouring republic of Azerbaijan, nor had its medical teams been invited to take part in the rescue, despite offers from them.

Christian Armenia and predominantly Muslim Azerbaijan are locked in conflict as the result of a flare-up of an old dispute over the territory of Nagorno-Karabakh.

Dr Chazov declined to give any firm figure on the final death toll, saying it was still far too early to be certain.



A Soviet tank yesterday in Yerevan, the Armenian capital, enforcing the state of emergency after last month's ethnic unrest.

## Overnight curfew imposed in Armenia

From Our Own Correspondent Moscow

As an indication of the continuing tension in the Armenian capital of Yerevan, the Soviet Army newspaper *Krasnaya Zvezda* yesterday published an hour-by-hour account of the mass demonstration on Sunday which was broken up by troops.

It has also emerged that a state of emergency tantamount to martial law is in force in many regions of Armenia and Azerbaijan, and that the whole of Armenia is subject to a five-hour overnight curfew.

*Krasnaya Zvezda* said last weekend's trouble in Yerevan began on Saturday, when a large crowd gathered outside the

Writers' Union building. Police and troops found that an illegal meeting of the outlawed Karabakh Committee, the unofficial group set up to spearhead Armenia's demands for the transfer of Nagorno-Karabakh from Azerbaijan, was in progress.

By 7 pm there were about a thousand people there, many shouting protests against the Soviet Government and the Army. Leaflets were distributed and petitions passed round.

According to the newspaper, the petitions called for an end to all official talk about "fraternal co-operation and internationalism" from Azerbaijan — a reference to the republic's official offer to help the earthquake relief effort.

Seven members of the Karabakh

committee were detained. One, Mr Ashot Manucharyan, was released after pleading immunity to prosecution because he is an elected member of the Supreme Soviet.

As troops were breaking up that crowd, some 2,000 people attempted to march from the Writers' Union building. The square was surrounded by troops and the march broken up by force. Unofficial reports say troops used batons and shots were fired.

● Riga meeting: A meeting was held at the weekend in Riga, capital of the Baltic republic of Latvia, to establish a "forum of the peoples of Latvia". The aims of the forum are said to be to further co-operation between the different nationalities and foster cultural activity.

## Japan slow to respond in disaster relief effort

From Joe Joseph Tokyo

Why does Japan take so long to act when disaster strikes abroad?

As foreign rescue teams helped to dig bodies from the wreckage of the Armenian earthquake and other rescue workers unloaded blankets and medicines from all over the world, Japan was still deciding how much to send and when to send it.

While Britain swiftly pledged £5 million, Japan's immediate response was a donation of \$45,000 through the Japan Red Cross.

Days after other countries had begun to send relief supplies and rescue teams Japan was organizing a reconnaissance team.

By Tuesday the Japanese had finally found a commercial Aeroflot flight with cargo space available. Blankets, electric generators and medicines were sent to Armenia. Another batch will leave today. On Tuesday the Cabinet also decided to raise its contribution to 1.1 billion yen, which almost exactly matched Britain's initial £5 million.

But Japan's critics are baffled by the country's slow response. Japan protests that it merely operates in a different way. "The Government of Japan sends an official request from the Soviet Union before it gives aid," a Foreign Ministry spokesman said. Japan also insists using military aircraft to carry aid supplies. It feels that would contravene its Constitution, which restricts the use of military planes outside Japan.

## Sri Lanka election

## Extremists vow to disrupt poll with further violence

From Edward Gorman, Colombo

The leader of the Sinhalese extremist Janatha Vimukthi Peramuna (People's Liberation Front) said last night that he would not accept the results of Monday's presidential election and warned that his campaign of violence would continue.

In a handwritten two-page letter delivered to the offices of the Commissioner of Elections, Mr Chandananda de Silva, the JVP leader described the elections as illegal and undemocratic.

"We appeal to you to join with us by not participating in this fraud," Mr Rohana Wijeweera, in hiding since 1983, told the Commissioner. "You should reveal to the public this treacherous and anti-nation act."

In an apparent threat to Mr De Silva, he continued: "If you do not do this, you will become part of the conspiracy... and history will judge you on this. Do not allow it to happen."

The JVP has been fighting to prevent the elections taking place and to overthrow the Government. Its campaign of assassinating supporters of the ruling United National Party has claimed more than 700 lives since July last year.

Mr Wijeweera's letter came the day after a raid on Colombo's top-security Well-kade jail in which 221 prisoners escaped. Earlier reports suggested that 30 prisoners had managed to break out.

Three people are believed to have died in the raid and eight others were injured, but police have captured only one escapee.

Sources here say that many were senior members of the underground movement and included several provincial commanders.

The raid, thought to have begun when the prisoners detonated smuggled-in explosives, is the latest in a series which have freed hundreds of suspected JVP activists. It is being seen as particularly embarrassing for the Government, which has cracked down hard on the movement in recent weeks, arresting thousands of young men in a bid to restore order in the run-up to the elections.

Despite continuing rumours of a last-minute postponement, the chairman of the United National Party said in a hastily arranged news conference yesterday that he was confident the polls would go ahead.

"We are not for postponement because we are confident of victory and we are confident the Election Commissioner can carry out elections even with the difficulties," the party chairman, Mr Ranjan Wijeratna, said.

He added that he believed the armed forces were fully in control and capable of giving "adequate protection" to voters at polling stations.

## Palme death arrest

Stockholm — Police have arrested a Swede with a history of psychiatric illness and a previous conviction for manslaughter on suspicion of murdering Olof Palme, the Prime Minister, nearly three years ago (Christopher Mossey writes).

The man, aged 41, and unemployed, who has yet to be charged or named, admitted being in a restaurant near the spot in central Stockholm where Palme was killed by a single bullet through the back of the neck on February 28, 1986. There have been several previous arrests but no charges have been brought.

## Bus tragedy

Johannesburg (Reuters) — All 18 occupants of a minibus, one of the so-called "black taxis" run to supplement sparse bus services, were killed when it collided head-on with a bus in the Orange Free State province.

## Visa appeals

Bonn — East German visitors and emigrants will be able, from next year, to appeal to the courts if their applications to travel to the West are refused, new regulations say.

## Briton killed

Gibraltar — Spanish police are investigating an incident in which Eric Jansz, a London-born Briton aged 75, was found stabbed to death here.

## Plane crash

Cairo (Reuters) — A Nigerian transport aircraft has crashed on a village in Upper Egypt, killing all eight members of the crew and, some reports said, five villagers.

## Kenya murder

Nairobi — Kevin Hynes, a British teacher found dead at his flat in Mombasa, is believed by the Kenya police to have been the victim of robbers. Much of his property was missing.

## Iran relents

Nicosia (Reuters) — Iran has announced it will permit approved political parties to operate but warned would-be politicians to learn from the "bitter experiences" of the country's past.

## Dali recovers

Barcelona (Reuters) — The painter, Salvador Dali, aged 84, who almost died two weeks ago, was discharged from hospital and returned to his surrealist art gallery.

## Children held

Sidon (Reuters) — A school bus driver armed with a machine gun held 50 children hostage for an hour to protest against being sacked.

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# Signs of new rift among Afghan rebels

From Anatol Lieven, Peshawar

With the deadline for the final Soviet withdrawal from Afghanistan only nine weeks away and a second round of Soviet-Mujahidin talks imminent, there is evidence of renewed splits within the Afghan Resistance Alliance.

Several leaders of the seven-party grouping are still away from their bases after the first talks with Soviet representatives at Taif in Saudi Arabia eight days ago. But observers think their absence may be connected with the speeding up of moves towards the formation of an interim Afghan representative body.

Two of the Mujahidin parties, the Hezb-i Islami of Maulavi Younis Khalis, and the Ittihad-i Islami of Professor Abdur Rasul Sayyaf, have rejected the principle of talks with Moscow before the Soviet withdrawal.

Mr Khalis's statements suggest his stand may be softening, and that when the representatives from Taif return to Peshawar, all the leaders may be able to agree to take part in more talks.

Another party generally considered to be radical or fundamentalist, the Hezb-i Islami faction of Mr Gulbudin Hekmatyar, supports the talks. Mr Hekmatyar has argued that direct talks with the Soviet Union are a long-standing Mujahidin demand, and they therefore represent a victory for the resistance.

But Mr Hekmatyar, in common with all the other leaders,

has rejected President Gorbachev's latest proposals for a ceasefire and an international peacekeeping force. He said this was "intended to achieve for the Soviets all those goals which they could not achieve in their past 10 years of imposed war".

The actual strength of the rebel parties on the ground, both inside Afghanistan and in the refugee camps, may soon be of crucial importance.

The deadline for the withdrawal is only nine weeks away, and the second round of talks between Soviet representatives and the Mujahidin is supposed to be held in Pakistan within two weeks.

The parties are coming under pressure from Afghan exiles — and, if only indirectly, from the US — to move as quickly as possible towards setting up an interim representative council, since a full Shura (elected body representing all the Afghan people) clearly cannot be called in the middle of winter and a war.

The seven parties agree on the need for such a body, but not on how it should be chosen. The "moderate" National Islamic Front of Afghanistan, led by Pir Ahmad Gailani, believes in elections from the refugee camps under international supervision, with representatives from within Afghanistan chosen by local commanders. Mr Hekmatyar says he is also in favour of elections.

He is said to be confident of



An Afghan rebel, injured by a booby trap, travelling to the Pakistan border for treatment.

his strength in the refugee camps around Peshawar and is generally believed to be still the most favoured recipient of the international aid which is channelled through the Paki-

stan intelligence service which, for its part, is believed to enjoy considerable support among refugees in the Quetta area, where moderate and royalist opinion predomi-

nates. Mr Khalis's Hezb-i Islami, in contrast, opposes direct elections as un-Islamic.

It advocates instead representation by "educated Muslims who have the trust of

the people" — selected, presumably, by local notables.

Given these divisions, and especially in view of the imminence of the next Soviet-Mujahidin talks, the absence abroad of so many of the rebel leaders is considered baffling by most Western observers. It seems to cause little concern to many of the Mujahidin. Moves towards a united resistance front seem impossible until they return.

Of the delegation at Taif, Professor Burhanuddin Rabbani, of the Jamiat-i Islami, is said to be still in Saudi Arabia, and the whereabouts of Dr Sibghatullah Mojaddidi of the Afghan National Liberation Front, and of Mr Karyab of the Hezb-i Islami Hekmatyar faction are not known. Their absence is causing suspicion in the other parties.

Meanwhile, disquiet has been caused by some rebel sources who believe that something resembling a massacre of Kabul government troops from Torikham took place on the Pakistan border between Jalalabad and Peshawar after the garrison fell to the Mujahidin last month for the first time.

About 70 men are supposed to have died at the hands of fighters from Mr Khalis's Hezb-i Islami. An official of one of the smaller parties said: "If true, this would be very disastrous."

The allegations — emanating originally from Kabul — have been denied by a Hezb-i Islami representative.

## West's silence on conference plea dismays Russians

From Andrew McEwen, Diplomatic Correspondent

Two months from today, Soviet troops are due to complete their withdrawal from Afghanistan, leaving the Kabul Government to face two large alliances of Muslim guerrilla movements, based in Pakistan and Iran and both determined to overthrow it.

With time running out, Soviet officials are showing concern bordering on desperation to find a way of persuading the West to help them withdraw with dignity, leaving a broad-based government.

They have been dismayed by the West's lack of interest in a proposal made by President Gorbachev in his speech at the United Nations a week ago for an international conference on Afghanistan.

The proposal was overshadowed by his announcement that Moscow will reduce unilaterally its military forces. But it is now clear that his intention, in making it the sole regional problem mentioned in his speech, was to focus Western attention on it. Instead he has been met by silence.

Most Western diplomats feel that the conference would be little more than a second attempt to persuade the West to cut off military supplies to the Mujahidin, which the Geneva Accords failed to do.

Moscow had been following a "two-track" approach with

two sets of parallel negotiations. While trying to cajole the West to help it, it has appointed Mr Yuli Vorontsov, one of its most experienced arms control negotiators, to talk directly to the guerrillas.

Soviet sources said Mr Vorontsov had completed initial talks held in Saudi Arabia with the guerrillas, but refused to give details.

Western observers believe that the Mujahidin will have maintained their refusal to participate in a broad-based government unless the present Kabul leadership is removed, something which Moscow may be contemplating.

It was confirmed yesterday that there have been more high-level talks between the Afghan Government, which was not involved in the talks in Saudi Arabia, and Moscow. Mr Vorontsov, briefed President Najibullah, while Mr Eduard Shevardnadze, the Soviet Foreign Minister, held talks with his Afghan counterpart, Mr Abdul Wakil.

President Gorbachev reaffirmed at the UN his determination to meet the February 15 withdrawal date. But Soviet officials, speaking personally, say they do not see how this can be achieved unless the West responds.

## Japan curbs extremists

### Fears mount over right-wing antics

From Joe Joseph, Tokyo

Japan's small but noisy extreme right-wing factions are on the warpath again, this time over a mayor who suggested that Emperor Hirohito bore some responsibility for Japan's role in the Second World War.

Mr Hitoshi Motoshima, Mayor of Nagasaki, the first local government head to express publicly such an opinion, is under police protection after extremist threats.

The Government has just passed a law banning right-wingers from driving their military-looking vans along Tokyo's streets and broadcasting anti-left slogans.

Despite official denials, it is believed that the Government rushed the Bill through Parliament to avoid embarrassing Mr Eduard Shevardnadze, the Soviet Foreign Minister, who visits Tokyo this weekend.

The Soviet Embassy in Tokyo has been one of the main targets of the right-wingers' hooters and their blaring martial music. But the extreme nationalists — who number just 120,000, according to Japan's National Police Agency — do not always stop at making a nuisance of themselves. Sometimes they kill people.

In May last year Mr Tomohiro Kojiro, a reporter in the Osaka bureau of the *Asahi Shimbun*, Japan's leading daily newspaper, was killed when a right-wing extremist marched into his office and began firing a shotgun. The newspaper's crime was to write critically about the Yasukuni shrine, a memorial to Japan's war dead.

Ironically the extremists' trucks had already fallen silent, before the Government officially banned their hectoring, out of respect for Emperor Hirohito, who has been critically ill in the Imperial Palace in Tokyo since September.

They must have been grateful for the opportunity to strike up the band in Nagasaki, out of Tokyo's earshot.

The Mayor of Nagasaki, who now has to tolerate chants of "God punish Motoshima" from the trucks parked outside his municipal offices, says: "I have never felt in such danger. There are threats hinting that they will harm my family or grandchildren."

Although nobody will admit it, rumours suggest that the mood of solemnity that has hushed Japan since the Emperor fell ill — politicians have cancelled fund-raising parties, companies have cancelled ostentatious year-end celebrations, weddings have been postponed — owes much to the fear of reprisals by the right.



Mr Motoshima: Dared to query Emperor's war role.

wing extremists. Nobody knows who is next on the list.

In August shots were fired at the house of Mr Hiromasa Ezoe, the former chairman of Recruit, an information and property company at the hub of a share-profiteering scandal. A right-wing group claimed responsibility.

Mr Ezoe has been in hospital ever since, even though there appears to be little wrong with him when dinner appointments demand an evening's leave.

Rumours suggest that at least part of the reason he stays in hospital is fear of attacks from right-wingers who claim that he has somehow betrayed Japan.

## Italy gets tough on illegal immigrants

From Roger Boyes, Rome

Italy has introduced a new, tough policy towards immigrants by turning back a boat crammed to the gunwales with Algerians and Senegalese, one of many clandestine parties of workers destined for the underground economy.

The move marks the first, controversial step towards regulating the flow of Third World immigrants into Europe, and reflects a general tightening of border controls in the run-up to the Single European Market in 1992.

The motor boat *Cardacci*, which embarked at Tunis, had been at sea for a week. It had intended to dock at Trapani in Sicily, but was stopped by Italian border police, recently placed on a high level of alert.

Between 1,000 and 1,500 illegal immigrants arrive in Sicily on the Tunis ferry each week. Others dock at Genoa.

A maritime police officer in Sicily said yesterday: "They have been coming here for more than 15 years. But before it was mainly Tunisians, 200 or 300 a week. For the past year it has been five times that number — Algerians, Turks

and Africans. So now we have permission to tighten up, especially on the Senegalese."

The decision to increase immigration controls results from an agreement between West Germany, France and the Benelux countries to close their borders before 1992.

The accord makes visas obligatory for people from certain "high-risk" emigration countries and provides for fairly drastic follow-up action. Carriers, for example, will be obliged to take passengers back if their travel documents are not in order.

The clampdown is an uncomfortable step for most Italians, despite a sharp increase in racist incidents in the past year which seems to reflect growing tension between immigrants and locals.

Italy has always been liberal in its immigration policies and border controls have been lax. More than 100,000 new immigrant workers were given legal status in the past two years, and there are several hundreds of thousands working illegally, quietly tolerated by the police.

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## González defies left and rules out early elections

## Spain brought to a standstill as police clash with strikers

From Harry Debelius, Madrid

Union leaders brought Spain to a standstill yesterday in the country's first general strike for 54 years, but Señor Felipe González, the Prime Minister, said the protest would not bring early elections.

The strike was called to try to force Señor González to move his social democratic economic and union policies further to the left.

By early afternoon a spokesman for his office was conceding that the 24-hour stoppage had an ample following.

A government spokesman attributed the response to an "atmosphere of intimidation" engendered by organized pickets. The ruling Spanish Socialist Workers' Party said the strike call had brought "an important response".

The Prime Minister said at a news conference: "There will be no early elections." He acknowledged that during the past 18 months he had been unable to establish a dialogue with union leaders, but said: "It is my will to have a discussion with them."

While leaders of the country's two principal trade unions — the Socialist General Workers' Union and the Communist-led Workers' Commissions — spoke of a "massive" response, representatives of the Government in the big cities refused to

quantify the level of participation.

There were virtually no significant incidents. Only one death could be attributed, even indirectly, to the strike.

The victim was a woman who had a heart attack in Granada and for whom an ambulance could not be sent immediately. No serious injuries were reported in the clashes between police and pickets.

Minimum essential service requirements, decreed by the Government, were widely ignored, although emergency medical services were maintained. Municipal police in much of the country joined the strike, but detachments of firemen and other emergency services were on duty.

All international flights from Madrid were cancelled, and aircraft fulfilling the minimum domestic requirements had few passengers.

Tacks strewn in the road punctured the tyres of some vehicles at Barajas airport, Madrid, and passengers who arrived early yesterday morning on three flights from the Americas found there was no transport into the capital.

Little more than a score of strike-related arrests were made, and those taken into custody were mostly soon released.

Incidents included the set-



Running the gauntlet: A department store employee, aided by struggling riot police, fighting her way through a picket line as one of the few people to go to work in Madrid yesterday.

ting up of barricades on main roads or streets, the jamming of locks at workplaces, and in Vitoria, Madrid and Barcelona clashes between groups of pickets and police, particularly outside department stores which opened.

An overhead cable for a commuter train was cut in a southern suburb of Madrid, and pickets toppled a supervisor's booth on to the tracks to block an underground railway line in northern Madrid.

A few of the 162 public transport buses earmarked for minimum essential services in

the capital were damaged, as were buses in Barcelona.

In Madrid, police on horseback clashed with about 5,000 demonstrators who gathered outside Parliament, which was in session, shouting: "Scabs!"

Most museums were closed for want of sufficient security personnel, and most civil servants at ministries in Madrid failed to turn up for work. Long-distance lorries did not operate, and most produce and fish markets were closed.

While schools, in theory, remained open, attendance was extremely low, reflecting a

lack of school buses and parents' fears that their children might be caught up in strike violence.

Of the country's 120 daily newspapers, more than 100 did not publish.

City and highway traffic was almost nil. The few business establishments which opened for all or part of the day had very few customers. Department stores in Madrid and Barcelona opened and closed several times during the day, depending on the extent of police protection.

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## Hanoi withdraws more troops

## Khmer Rouge still casts shadow over Cambodia

From Humphrey Hawksley, Ho Chi Minh City

Vietnam, devastated by more than four decades of war and economically isolated from the West, is this week showing an acceptable public face and withdrawing thousands of troops from neighbouring Cambodia, which it has occupied since 1979.

The eventual aim is to restore diplomatic relations with the US and China. Hanoi has invited dozens of journalists and television crews into the country to watch for its military forces out of Cambodia by 1990.

But Western diplomats have questioned figures from military commanders here indicating that up to twice as many Vietnamese troops might be in Cambodia as were officially stated. Vietnam says that after this withdrawal of 18,000 men only 50,000 will remain. Diplomats monitoring Cambodia from Bangkok say the figure could be as high as 100,000.

But, despite the discrepancy, it is now accepted that Vietnam is determined to leave Cambodia, mainly because it cannot afford to stay there. A Deputy Foreign Minister, Mr Tran Quang Co, says that whatever develops after the withdrawal it is unlikely that Vietnam would intervene militarily again in Cambodia.

At the same time the Army, the fifth largest and one of the most battle-hardened in the world, would undergo mass demobilization so that more defence spending can be diverted to reviving the domestic economy. A military spokesman, General Nguyen Van Thai, yesterday confirmed

that more than 300,000 men, or 25 per cent, would leave the military, but he was unclear how they would be absorbed into civilian life.

But Vietnam's version of perestroika does leave a question mark over the future of Cambodia. The country, revived by the occupation, remains haunted by the prospect that the brutal Khmer Rouge might claw back power once Hanoi pulls out.

The Khmer Rouge strength is estimated at about 30,000 guerrillas. They receive regular shipments of arms from China, routed through Thailand with the support of the Thai authorities. One analyst estimated that Khmer stockpiles amounted to three rifles per fighter, and if shipments stopped now the guerrillas would have enough supplies for two years.

Moscow and Peking are attempting to work out a face-saving formula which would allow the Khmer to share power in a government of reconciliation without the brutality that marked its three years in power. The Khmer

Rouge has put forward Mr Khien Samphan as its leader, but he is not a force within the movement. The leaders of the Khmer Rouge — Pol Pot, Ieng Sary, his wife Ieng Thirith, and the ruthless military commander, Ta Mok — are still very much in control and living in Khmer Rouge areas on the Thai border.

One Western official said: "There will be problems, but there is no chance of getting the same set of factors which brought the Khmer Rouge to power before. Most Cambodians are horrified by what happened."

The Cambodian problem is considered one of the most crucial issues to the stability of South-East Asia.

It is also the main obstacle to the improvement of relations between Peking and Moscow, and this is one of the main factors in President Gorbachev's aim to befriend the economically booming Asia-Pacific region. There is some concern that, if there is to be a loser from the 10-year Cambodian problem, it could be Vietnam — "an expendable ally when it comes to China", as one official put it.

Vietnam says it invaded Cambodia after the Khmer Rouge Government carried out cross-border massacres in the name of anti-Hanoi Cambodian nationalism. It is keen both to withdraw and secure its border.

Mr Tran Quang Co denies that Moscow's intentions are anything but honourable. He said: "Mr Gorbachev has more than once declared that the improvement of relations between the Soviet Union and China will not be at the expense of third countries."



Pol Pot: Remains dominant in Khmer Rouge leadership.

## Zimbabwe journal defies minister to expose corruption

From Jan Raath, Harare

A small Zimbabwean provincial newspaper, a national *censure* for its independent investigations into government corruption, yesterday defied the threats of a senior Cabinet minister and headed into direct confrontation with the ruling party hierarchy.

Mr Geoff Nyarota, editor of *The Chronicle*, the 70,000-circulation daily published in the western city of Bulawayo, and its deputy editor, Mr Davidson Maruziva, were both threatened with arrest by the Minister of Defence, Mr Enos Nkhala, the paper reported on its front page.

It said they had asked the minister if he was involved in a car distribution racket. Mr Nkhala was quoted as responding: "Who do you think you are?" and ordering them to travel to Harare immediately to see him. "If you do not, I will teach each of you a lesson. I will use the Army to pick you up."

Yesterday Mr Nyarota travelled to Harare to brief company management on the paper's investigations, but said that he would not be seeing the minister. He described Mr Nkhala's threats as "unnecessary".

*The Chronicle's* deliberate showdown with Mr Nkhala marks the crest of a wave of discontent with the Government of President Mugabe and his alleged failure to act against corrupt ministers.

Since September Mr Edgar Tekere, the immensely popular former party secretary-general, has been sacked for his outspoken criticism of corruption, and students have clashed violently with the police during anti-corruption demonstrations.

Evidence of popular sentiment comes from the sales of the Zimbabwean music star Thomas Mapfumo's latest recording, said to be doing "extraordinarily well" after a barely publicized release. He called it *Corruption*.

*The Chronicle's* investiga-

tions have centred on the distribution of new vehicles assembled in Harare from imported kits. A Japanese sedan, sold now at the gazetted price of £10,000, makes the new owner a tidy profit when he sells it the next day for four times the price on the car-starved black market.

*The Chronicle* has already reported that one minister had a house built for him by an Indian businessman in Bulawayo who was allocated at least two vehicles by the minister. Another minister allocated himself six vehicles and sold them to a company.

Mr Nkhala was among 16 ministers, deputy ministers, governors, MPs and senior government officers named by *The Chronicle* yesterday as having received new vehicles in the last year. He had been asked by the paper if he had sold his when he issued his threats. All 90,000 copies of a specially large print run were sold out in Bulawayo by Sam yesterday.

"We have broken out of an attitude of silence, condonation and self-censorship that was prevalent during the war and was happily assumed by the press after independence," commented a senior journalist at *The Chronicle* yesterday.

Government control of *The Chronicle* and its sister paper, *The Herald*, in Harare, is ostensibly remote. Both are owned by the Zimbabwe Newspapers company which in turn is owned by the Mass Media Trust, set up with a government-appointed board after the Government bought out the South African Argus company's shares in Zimbabwe Newspapers in 1981.

For all that, political control is often direct, while for the rest of the time the national media operate a system of self-censorship. But on October 27 Dr Witness Mangwende, the Minister of Information, urged journalists to "expose corruption". *The Chronicle* has taken him at his word.

## Lange dismisses his Finance Minister

From Richard Long, Wellington

Mr David Lange, the New Zealand Prime Minister, yesterday dismissed his Finance Minister, Mr Roger Douglas, the architect of the Thatcher-like economic reforms that have rocked the Labour Party.

The move followed a year of bitter internal wrangling over the pace of economic change and Mr Lange's action last month in sacking Mr Douglas's chief lieutenant, the Minister of State-Owned Enterprises, Mr Richard Prebble.

Like Mr Prebble, who described Mr Lange as dictatorial and irrational, Mr Douglas departed attacking Mr Lange's style of leadership. He promised to contest the leadership at the regular caucus re-election, saying the

country needed a new leader. The leadership vote was due to be held in the new year, but Mr Lange out-manoeuvred the Douglas faction on this, saying the vote would be brought forward to next week.

This gives his opponent little time to co-ordinate an offensive. Mr Lange is expected to muster enough caucus votes to survive.

Mr Trevor de Cleene, the Minister of Customs and Revenue and a close ally of Mr Douglas, said he would resign today in protest.

Mr David Caygill, promoted to the finance portfolio from health, pledged that the reforms would continue. Differences would be of style rather than substance.

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# Ryan extradition refusal offensive, House is told

The reasons given by the Irish Government for not extraditing Father Patrick Ryan on terrorism charges were offensive, Sir Patrick Mayhew, Attorney General, told MPs.

In response to renewed allegations from the Opposition of incoherence and hectoring words from the Prime Minister on the issue, Sir Patrick said, to Conservative cheers, that Mrs Thatcher was expressing a feeling widely held in the country.

After Sir Patrick's statement, Mr John Fraser, an Opposition spokesman on legal affairs, at whose request it had been made, said: One could do without public incoherence and hectoring words, particularly those of the Prime Minister.

It is not much much better that pre-trial processes are not conducted under the arc lights but are dealt with, as they would be in this country, quietly and without publicity.

Matters had not been helped by trial by newspaper, which had been fed by the outbursts of the Prime Minister.

Matters were not helped, also, by press briefings by the Crown Prosecution Service, all of which raises the problem of prejudice of a jury.

Sir Patrick said that there was inherent controversy in the procedure of the Irish Attorney General coming to conclusions on what were matters of English law.

"I would reject the suggestion that anything the Prime Minister would say would cause any prejudice to proceedings. She was entitled to say what she did and was expressing a feeling widely felt throughout the country."

The Irish Attorney General had said in his statement and in a later letter that he believed that prejudice had been caused by matters which had been published.

"I have made clear in my reply that I am confident that if and when Patrick Ryan came to trial on this country, there is no significant reason that any publication of any material

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would have a detrimental effect on the ability of a jury to give the fair trial that is required in this country.

"Good sense is needed to try to get successful extradition arrangements established."

Mr Ivan Lawrence (Burton, C) said that there were many with two questions when their anger had died down: how determined was the Irish Government to root out terrorism and how would this absurd gesture improve the prospects for the Anglo-Irish agreement (Conservative cheers)?

Sir Patrick said that the Prime Minister had made clear that the Government wished the Anglo-Irish agreement to continue.

"I prefer to take at face value expressions of intent by the Irish Government, including the Irish Attorney General, that it is their desire to take really effective steps against terrorism."

"But I have to observe that yesterday's decision is an obstacle rather than anything that facilitates a really firm attack upon the terrorism that concerns us all."

Mr Merlyn Rees (Leeds South and Morley, Lab), a former Northern Ireland Secretary, said that there had been a tragedy of errors on both sides of the Irish Sea, reinforcing attitudes about each side's justice, which had gone on for 500 years.

Would it not be better to stop posturing on all sides and use the Criminal Law (Jurisdiction) Act? It was there to give the Irish a chance to bring this man to trial.

The Attorney should discuss the problem of witnesses and their safety in Dublin and give them a chance to bring this man to trial.

"We may get hot under the collar one way or another, but people on both sides of the border and particularly in the North who have suffered violence over 20 years, are not amused by our attitude. They want something done about men of violence and the legislation is there to be used."



Mr Merlyn Rees (left) and Sir Patrick Mayhew, who disagreed in the House over the question of the safety of witnesses

# Juries in Britain behave fairly, Attorney General insists

In his statement, Sir Patrick Mayhew, Attorney General, said that yesterday Mr John Murray, the Irish Attorney General, announced that he had on the previous day advised the Commissioner of the Garda Síochána not to endorse the warrants for execution and that in respect of the charges in two of the warrants he had formed the opinion that there was, on the part of the relevant prosecuting authority, a clear intention to prosecute and that such intention was founded on the existence of sufficient evidence.

These were the requirements specified in the Irish Extradition (Amendment) Act, 1987, in relation to the charges in the other two warrants, Mr Murray had not found it necessary to reach any final conclusion because he had concluded that were Patrick Ryan to be extradited to Britain "it would not be possible for a jury to approach the issue of his guilt or innocence free from bias". That was by reason of what he described as the "extreme nature and extent of the prejudicial material published".

Mr Murray had said: "The charges which have been brought against Patrick Ryan are of a most serious kind and they should be investigated by a court. The Criminal Law (Jurisdiction) Act, 1976, provides a means whereby certain serious offences committed outside this jurisdiction may be tried here. Such a trial may, under Irish law, take place before a court of three judges without a jury. Heavy penalties are prescribed by Irish law for those offences."

Mr Murray had told him personally of his decision a few hours earlier.

"For my part, I find this outcome extremely disappointing (Conservative cheers), and the reasons given for it regrettable and offensive (repeated cheers). The reason is also singularly surprising since speculation about the fairness of any resulting trial by a jury in England is not one of the functions which the Irish Attorney is directed by this very recent Act to undertake."

"I readily acknowledge that the question is one for Irish and not English law, but I also note the doubts in this regard expressed today in leading articles in *The Irish Times* and *Irish Independent*."

Yesterday morning he had informed Mr Murray that "I rejected his thesis that Patrick Ryan would be denied a fair trial."

"Juries in England are invariably instructed that they must decide the case only on the evidence they have heard and seen in the trial. In every appropriate case, that is to say cases of any notoriety, they are directed to disregard whatever they may have heard or seen elsewhere."

"In my experience juries heed these directions scrupulously, with the fairness one expects in the ordinary men and women of our country (Conservative cheers)."

"Whatever may have been published anywhere — and Mr Murray had before yesterday at no time raised with me any anxiety about any publication — I am entirely confident that if, and when, Patrick Ryan were to come to trial in England, there would be no significant risk that such publicity would affect a jury's ability or will to try him fairly."

"As to the possible trial of Patrick Ryan in the Republic of Ireland, as the Prime Minister said yesterday, we do not absolutely exclude that, but only two of the four charges seem to be covered by the Criminal Law (Jurisdiction) Act. Additionally, there would be grave anxieties over the security of witnesses, whom we could not compel to go to the Republic and if the case accordingly failed for insufficiency of evidence, we could not subsequently try Patrick Ryan in our own jurisdiction."

"These are major disadvantages inherent in an option which we had every right not to prefer to that of extradition."

# S Africa whites 'risk suicide'

South Africa's three million white people needed to be convinced that they were sitting on a time bomb which could explode at any moment, Lord Goodman (Ind) said during a debate on southern Africa in the Lords.

It required a masterly approach to influence that tiny, silly community that they are committing suicide, he said.

Lord Goodman, who had recently visited South Africa as vice-chairman of the British Council, said that more than 30 million people there were condemned to a life of degradation, shame and deprivation because three million people required it.

Most of that minority were not wicked; they were just complacent, blind and terrified.

# \$100m grant for Nigeria

The UK is to make available a grant of \$100 million (£53 million) to Nigeria in 1989, subject to approval by the International Monetary Fund of a standby agreement and contributions from other donors.

Sir Geoffrey Howe, Foreign Secretary, announcing the grant in a written answer, said that it demonstrated the UK's interest in the health of the Nigerian economy and its willingness to assist the Nigerian adjustment programme.

# Immigration controls

The British Government intends next spring to introduce a single immigration channel for all EEC citizens, including British citizens, entering the country, Mr Douglas Hurd, Home Secretary, said in a written reply.

"The aim of the change is to reduce, as far as possible, the levels of checks on EEC nationals entering the United Kingdom without disturbing our ability to maintain adequate controls on nationals of third countries."

# Unleaded petrol praised

The two million motorists driving cars that could take unleaded petrol should be aware of the contribution they could make to reducing pollution by changing to the new fuel, Mrs Virginia Bottomley, Under Secretary of State for the Environment, said during Commons questions.

"The number of petrol stations selling unleaded petrol is increasing rapidly. By the end of this year it is expected that one in four refuellings will take place at a petrol station at which unleaded petrol is available."

"Further measures to promote the use of unleaded petrol are co-ordinated by the Unleaded Petrol Group."

# 'Vote Labour and pay'

The community charge in Conservative-controlled local authorities this year would have been £196.40 and in Labour-controlled authorities, £294.40, Mr John Gummer, Minister for Local Government, said during questions.

He was responding to Mr Anthony Marlow (Northampton North, C), who said: He is a fair man and a Christian and would make voters aware that the cost of voting Labour at the next local election could be £100 a vote.

Mr Gummer had said that he would make every effort to inform voters that profligate spending by local authorities would lead to high community charges.

Mr Christopher Mullin (Sunderland South, Lab) has seen recent reports that poll

# Minister one of the great poisoners, says MP

Irish sea, and that was left out of the question.

This was the only country dumping massive amounts of sewage sludge into the North Sea. Thirty per cent of Britain's poisonous sewage sludge was dumped there. "This minister will go down in history as one of Britain's great poisoners."

Mrs Bottomley said that Mr Roberts's question was an example of air pollution. The Conservative Party believed in action not words, action based on sound scientific evidence.

Sewage sludge was what remained after the treatment of sewage. One had to find the best practicable environmental option.

Of course, river discharges into the North Sea from Britain were only 20 per cent. The River Mersey, the most polluted river basin in Europe, went into the

# Electricity Bill wins second reading

The following report of the second reading debate in the Commons on the Electricity Bill appeared in later editions yesterday.

The Government's key privatization measure, the Electricity Bill, was read a second time by 304 votes to 238 — Government majority, 66.

The Commons also rejected by 316 to 239 a Scottish National Party amendment, rejecting second reading because the Bill failed to introduce effective competition, particularly in Scotland.

Resuming debate on second reading, Mr Malcolm Rifkind, Secretary of State for Scotland, said that there could not be perfect competition in the electricity generation and supply industries, but he rejected what he said was the Conservative argument: If there was not perfect competition, monopoly was preferable. Such a proposition was not in the national interest.

He said that there was double the necessary generating capacity in Scotland. That showed that state control was not the route to a rational distribution

# European Parliament by-election: Hampshire Central

# Europe is still somewhere across the Channel

By Richard Ford  
Political Correspondent

Amid the celery from Spain and tomatoes from Holland, and with a bemused Breton onion seller standing by his bike, Mr Edward Kellestoun was having difficulty promoting his vision of Europe.

The Conservatives and two centre-party candidates in today's European Parliament by-election in Hampshire Central insisted that the electorate was intelligent and knowledgeable about the EEC.

Unfortunately, there were few such voters to be found in Alton Market Square. "Sweetheart, this man wants to talk to you," exclaimed Dame Elaine Kellestoun, the Conservative MP for Lancaster and wife of the Hampshire Central Tory candidate.

Before Mr Kellestoun could advance, perhaps a more authentic English view of things European was shouted by a market trader: "You're wasting your time here, darling. It's all beautiful jobs for the boys, ain't it?"

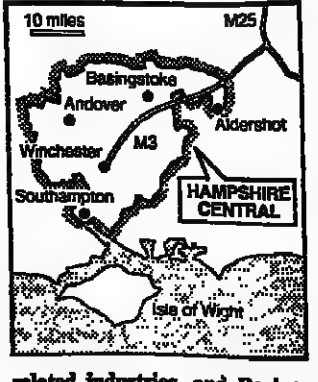
Dame Elaine muttered a protest that Europe was important as she and her husband retreated in search of another well-informed voter.

But the woman they found also had non-European things on her mind — the spread of estate agents and building societies in the Hampshire market town's main street. Yet another was worried about the rebellious tendencies of his local MP, Mr Michael Miles.

As Labour's agent, Mr Tony Beirne, candidly admitted: "There is a bit more awareness of the European Community, but for the majority of people it's still something which is on the other side of the Channel, not to be worried about."

Campaigning for elections to the European Parliament has always been an uphill struggle. But the five candidates seeking to inherit the seat made vacant by the death of Mr Basil de Ferranti must also contend with a vast constituency and the forthcoming Christmas season.

Sprawling northwards from Southampton, Hampshire Central stretches to the London dominions of Basingstoke and Farnborough, taking in



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# Salmonella test plan

The Government is considering measures requiring processing plants making chicken feed to test each day's production for salmonella, and to make the results available to the Ministry of Agriculture, Mr Richard Ryder, Parliamentary Secretary for Agriculture, said in a written reply.

# Parking for disabled

There were about 840,000 holders of orange badges giving vehicle-parking privileges for disabled people in March last year, more than a 14 per cent increase on the same time a year earlier, Mr Peter Bottomley, Under Secretary of State for Transport, said in a written reply.

# Parliament today

Commons (2.30): Questions, Home Office, Prime Minister, Security Service Bill, second reading. Lords (3): Road Traffic Bill, second reading. Debate on EEC package travel.

# Correction

London Underground's investment in the current financial year is 60 per cent more in real terms than in 1984-85, not 6 per cent, as Lord Brabazon of Tara, Under Secretary of State for Transport, was reported as saying in Monday's debate.

# Correction

Mr Kellestoun was not a business consultant, is favourable to the seat held by the Conservatives with a majority of 44,821 on a 51 per cent turnout in 1984. But, such is the apathy, that some predict a turnout at worst in single figures or at best in the high teens.

The Conservatives emphasized the need for Britain to set the European agenda and placed particular emphasis on the opportunities opening with 1992.

Mr Kellestoun said: "It is now no longer a matter of export or die. It is a matter of seizing the opportunity. Many firms already have, but the smaller companies need to be taken in the wing."

While Mr Kellestoun emphasizes the business opportunities, Labour is playing to its traditional strength by pointing to the better benefits available in Europe.

Beaten by 37 votes into third place by the SDP/Liberal Alliance in 1984, Labour's new candidate, Mr John Arnold, is aiming at second place as part of the party's longer-term strategy to rebuild its base in Southern England.

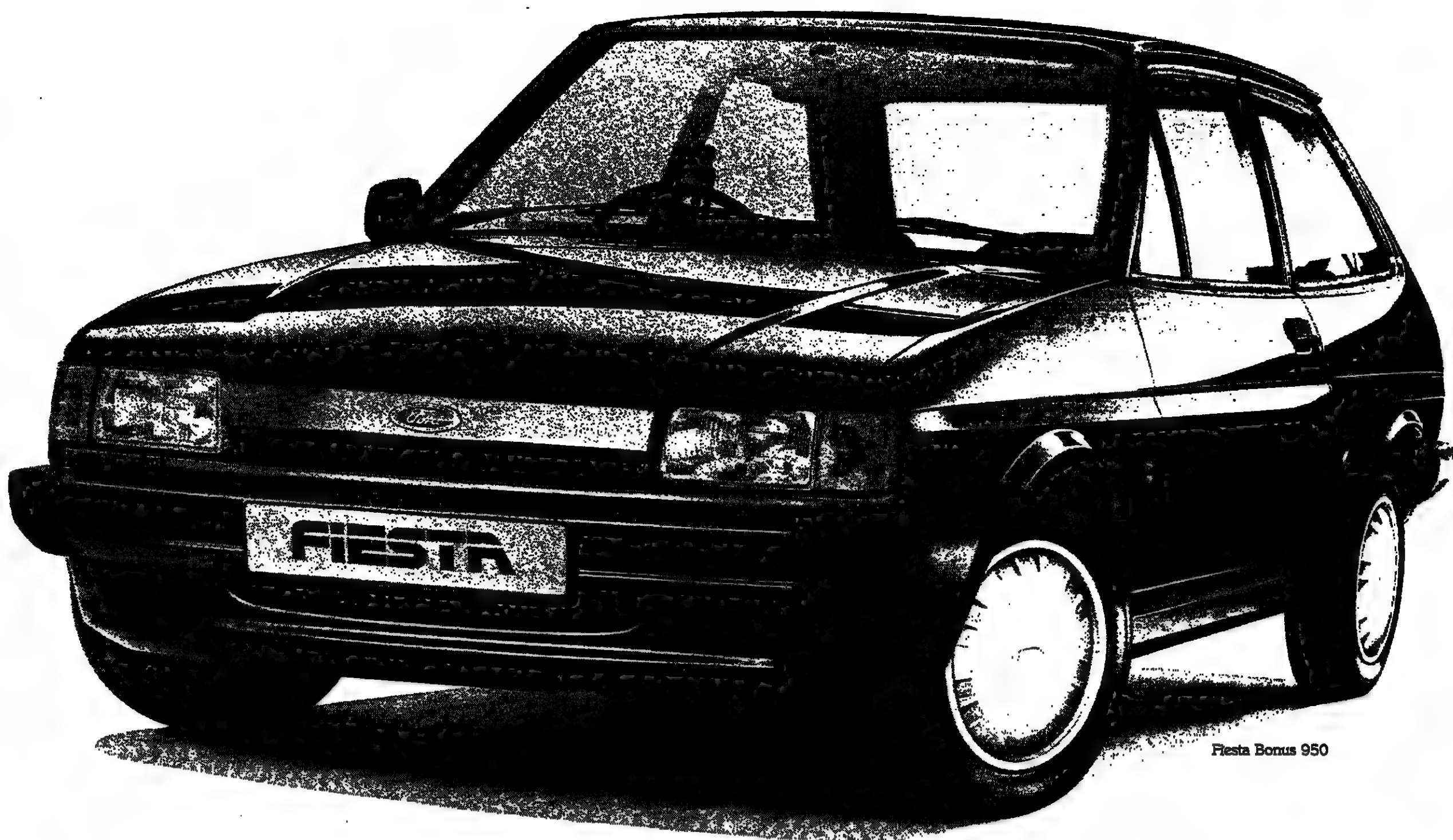
Mr Arnold sees his opportunity in the division between the Democrats and Social Democrats. With a strong base on local councils, the Democrat candidate, Mr David Chidgey, is confident of beating the challenge for the SDP.

The SDP has chosen a candidate with a high profile name but a decidedly low-profile campaigning style. Lord Attlee, son of the late Labour Prime Minister, has the charisma of his father and appears ill at ease meeting voters.

Mrs Sally Penton, the Green Party candidate, is campaigning to raise the party's profile and save her deposit when the votes are finally counted on Monday.

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## SPECTRUM

## Anne — a very practical princess

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THE PRINCESS ROYAL

According to a tale current among senior officers of the British Army of the Rhine, the Princess Royal was recently visiting troops when there was the inevitable bomb scare at the BAOR headquarters at Rheindahlen. "I'm sorry, ma'am," said a brass-hat on the telephone, "we will have to evacuate the building if you wish," retorted the voice of the Colonel-in-Chief of the Royal Corps of Signals, the Royal Scots and the 1420 Hussars, "but I am having a (expletive deleted) bath. I have every intention of finishing it."

Ten years ago the public perception of the Queen's only daughter was of a rude, sullen and intolant young woman rather fonder of horses than of people. Newspapers had a habit of labelling her "Her Royal Haughtiness", or "Princess Sourpuss". When she visited the United States with her brother Charles in 1972, a Washington paper reported: "The Prince is full of pep, the Princess acts puffed."

In 1977 a women's magazine polled its readers on who were the most popular members of the Royal Family. The Queen, naturally, led the field (it being her jubilee year), while Anne came second bottom, saved from total disgrace only by the even lower esteem in which the readers held her Aunt Margaret.

Since then there has been a total transformation in the public perception of the Princess Royal. The lady may not have changed greatly; she has, after all, been a tireless president of the Save The Children Fund since 1970. But the outsider's view of her most certainly has, and without benefit of expensive Sanchi image-messaging. The remoulding of the Princess can be traced with some accuracy to November 1982.

Anne was visiting Save The Children projects in East Africa while her husband was pursuing his equestrian career in Australia. The tabloids floated rumours of a marriage rift and, to maintain momentum further, they decided that Anne and Mark would meet for an attempted reconciliation in Africa. When Mark failed to appear, editors back in London began to demand stories, any stories, in return for the hefty

expenses they were being charged by their reptiles in the field.

The royal ratpack was therefore, *faute de mieux*, obliged to follow Anne around the refugee camps in search of something to write about. They were amazed at what they saw. They found a young woman not only quite undeterred by conditions of unspeakable filth and deprivation, but one surprisingly determined and well-informed on the subject of aid to sick and starving children, yet unsentimental and practical in the face of human indignity. Suddenly the headlines spoke of "The Caring Princess".

Those who accompanied her on a Save The Children tour of the Far East last year recall the sight of her in a foul camp outside Bangkok, walking on duckboards across a lake of raw sewage, when a 12-year-old crippled wretch stumbled towards her with his arms outstretched. Briefly, she bent down and hugged him... the brisk, no-nonsense facade is sometimes seen to have its cracks.

In the year that she became president, donations to Save The Children totalled £3 million; last year they reached £35.9 million. If the greatest tug at the public strings of heart and purse was the Ethiopian famine, Anne's 18 years of work to raise the charity's public profile should not be underestimated.

Children will always attract sympathy, patronage and money; criminals not so. That Anne does not only take on glamorous presidencies is evident by her active patronage of the Butler Trust, a charity which gives awards for good work in the prison service. In the last year she has been inside many a jail, including the "Nutcracker Suite", the special unit for particularly hard cases at Brixton, in Glasgow. The rapport between Princess and prisoners was tangible.

Anna Humphrey, the administrator of the trust, says of the Princess: "We invited her to be our patron because she was so down-to-earth. We knew she would care about the subject in a practical sort of way without being soft. Staff and inmates believe in her — they know she understands very real, which is unusual in a person in her position. In a word, she has street-cred."



She also enjoys a high degree of saddle-cred, although not as much as her husband, whom three-day eventers regard as akin to a god on horseback. No amount of high birth would have won her a place at the 1976 Montreal Olympics without the attendant skills. Now that she has retired from serious competition, she derives her relaxation from the thrills and dangers of amateur jockeying.

She is not the country's best lady amateur, but a capacity for quick learning under her trainer, David Nicholson, put her sixth out of 130 at the end of this year's flat season. Her greatest ally is temperament, the same sort of unflappable nerve which helped Piggott to nine Derby wins. Many an amateur race has been lost by a sudden rush of blood to the jockey's head.

Her Montreal experience made

her an inevitable choice for presidency of the British Olympic Association in 1983 and she has just been returned unopposed for a further four-year term, having become in addition one of Britain's two delegates to the International Olympic Committee.

Colleagues at the BOA say of her: "She is very aware of the needs of competitors, having been one herself. She has an incisive mind, often comes up with good ideas, and is very much aware of current issues." In the wake of the drugs scandals in South Korea earlier this year, she devoted her presidential address to the Olympic association in October to imploring future competitors to make a clean breast to their doctors of doubtful substances they might be swallowing.

Not for her her brother's introspective fretting about the imperfect state of the world. She sees imperfections, but her approach is to go out and do something about them. She is absolutely her father's daughter, and his favourite child. She shares his belief that the Royal Family must be seen to be earning its keep. Last year her total of 367 engagements fulfilled at home and 337 abroad far exceeded that of any other member of "the firm", with the exception of the Queen.

While her elder brother may wish devoutly that Anne has been more successful at accepting her lot while distancing herself from the royal circus and carving out a life of her own. There is no clearer indication of a determinedly independent mind. She declined all honours and titles for herself, her husband and her children until, at the age of 37, she finally accepted the traditional title of Princess Royal. She rarely socializes with her brothers or their wives, with whom she has little in common, but at least the Princess of Wales and the Duchess of York have done her the favour of drawing away the spotlight of siltier publicity.

## BIOGRAPHY

- 1950: Born Clarence House, August 15. Educated at Benenden
- 1970: President, Save The Children
- 1971: Nominated Sportswoman of the Year
- 1973: Married Captain Mark Phillips, two children, Peter Mark Andrew (born 1977) and Zara Anne Elizabeth (born 1981)
- 1976: Montreal Olympics, member of British three-day event team
- 1981: Chancellor, London University
- 1983: President of the British Olympic Association
- 1984: President of the International Equestrian Federation
- 1987: Fellow of the Royal Society, Created Princess Royal
- 1988: Delegate, International Olympic Committee

and her husband slip easily. One of her favourite havens, especially during Mark's long and frequent absences abroad, is the farmhouse kitchen of her in-laws, and she was greatly upset by the death of Mark's mother earlier this year.

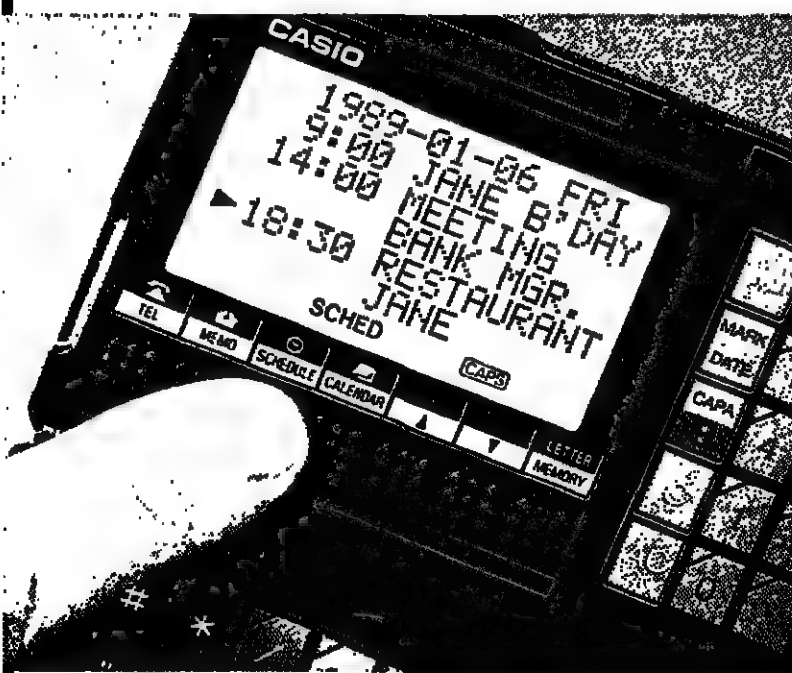
Although she claims not greatly to like children, she has been successful at bringing up her own two — Peter, now aged 11, and Zara, aged seven — in something reasonably close to normal family circumstances, while not shirking from occasionally smacking their bottoms in public view. In the farmhouses of Gloucestershire, she is regarded by the children of her social circle as a brisk but kindly aunt who is happy to make them buttered toast.

Auberon Waugh once described her as a woman "whose poisonous spite could stop a camel in its tracks at 20 paces and blind a Press photographer for life at twice the distance". Those more kindly disposed would regard her more as brisk and efficient, with no time for irrelevances, and a dangerously low flashpoint when her privacy is invaded or her hard work demeaned. In private she is perfectly charming, witty, sharp and solicitous, and much the intellectual superior of her husband.

She is a royal in the old style, perhaps among the last, with a straightforward view that privileged birth must be paid for with work. And yet, behind all her briskness and competence, one can detect the ghost of wifeliness, of some corner of life unfulfilled. Somehow one is reminded that this is the great-granddaughter of Queen Mary. Except, of course, that Queen Mary was never known to utter a four-letter word.

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## Ireland's crumbling heritage

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Early in the last century there were up to 2,000 grand houses in what is now the Republic, all built for the Anglo-Irish nobility. From the 1870s onwards this group began a long-term decline and then, in the 1920s, arson attacks by nationalists reduced the housing stock further. Today, the number of houses which have survived with their family portraits, original furnishings and wondrously intact is estimated at about 30. Historians believe it might take only one more generation for those to disappear.

Groups such as the Irish Georgian Society and the Irish Architectural Archive are campaigning for conservation of the houses and the Irish government has just set up a heritage commission. But there is no property-owning National Trust similar to that in Scotland and England. Irish exports laws do nothing to slow down the drain of antiques out of the country.

Just opened in Dublin — and scheduled for transfer to London on February 9 — is Vanishing Country Houses of Ireland, an exhibition calling attention to the crisis. Ironically, the sponsors, and the hosts in London, are Christie's, who by definition have a professional predatory interest in the houses' contents. Their latest sale of house contents totalled IR£51,928 at Mountstuart, County Meath, last September.

both comedy and drama. In one, her co-star John Farnham plays a series of women in cottages despite attempts by the local priest to "curb the oriental proclivities of his aristocratic behaviour". In another, *Lady Muckery* so incenses her fellow parishioners by taking her Pektan to Mass that they burn down her home, Springfield Castle, County Limerick. A Commander Mousell of Turvey is described as spending the 1940s "amusingly immovable" as he "retreated from room to room

as cellars yielded progressively to the rain". Illustrations are poignant, if picturesque, showing mansions both in their prime and now as shells. Entries give a brief history, ending with words such as "demolished in 1984 ... now a ruin ... destroyed by fire". The most shocking example is Powerscourt, Enniskerry, an outstanding Palladian house which was restored in 1974 and destroyed by fire the day after completion.

Acknowledging that it would be anachronistic to reinstate

the gentry, FitzGerald says that it would be in the interests of Ireland's second biggest industry — tourism — to save a selection of its great homes. He argues the case for government funding, suggesting the State Lottery as a source, and says it should be recognised that, even if the upper classes were "foreign", the craftsmen and the builders were Irish.

But it seems that unless St Patrick intervenes with a miracle (or some Irish Americans do so with money), Ireland is doomed to complete its process of decay. As Kevin Myers, a journalist on the *Irish Times* says, soon all that will remain will be "the ornaments of the Republic: mock-Georgian Spanish South Fork-type bungalows".



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## HEALTH

**American hospitals  
have special units  
for disaster victims.  
James Bone asks if  
Britain needs them**

**W**hen two passenger trains carrying 700 people collided on the Hell Gate bridge in New York City in 1984, the emergency services knew exactly what to do. Rather than ferry all 50 injured people to the nearest hospital, ambulance crews immediately identified the 20 most serious casualties and distributed them, by helicopter, to special units across the city. Within 20 minutes all were receiving intensive treatment, and no hospital had to cope with more than three cases of severe injury. Only one person died.

New York, like several other large American cities, operates a network of trauma centres to deal with seriously injured patients, especially after a disaster. Certain designated hospitals operate special units at which any emergency assistance is available from experienced staff 24 hours a day. Last month a report by the Royal College of Surgeons called for changes in accident and emergency services in Britain, including the establishment of specialized trauma centres.

At St George's hospital, Tooting, where the victims of the Clapham Junction rail crash are being treated in the new accident and emergency department, Don Wijetunge, the senior consultant surgeon in emergency services, said yesterday that the specialty of trauma was neglected in Britain. Although the hospital's disaster plan had worked well, communications were flawed, he said, and emergency services were not as geared up to rapid, efficient responses as they might be. America's trauma centre system was developed after the Vietnam War, where the army developed an effective method of treating seriously wounded soldiers. The first civilian centre was established in Maryland in 1973, and has since been copied in several other Western countries. In Ulster, seven of those injured at Enniskillen were flown by helicopter to specialist units. The system has even been copied by the Soviet army in Afghanistan. The gist of the system is "to get the right patients to the right place at the right time".

"We call it the Golden Hour," says Dr Alexander Kuehl, head of New York's Emergency Medical Service. "If you can get the severely traumatized patient stabilized and into the operating room within the first hour, the survival chances are 75-80 per cent. If you wait until the second hour, the survival rate goes down to about 30 per cent."

New York, with around 8,000 trauma patients a year, boasts the most developed system in America.



The emergency ward: Nurse Clare O'Neill in one of the trauma rooms at Bellevue Hospital, New York City. "I think I can cope with anything now"

## Ready for the worst

The ambulance network run by the Emergency Medical Service is closely co-ordinated with the city's patchwork of public, private and church hospitals. The local government has classified 60 of the city's 80 hospitals as fit to receive casualties, and 13 of these operate special trauma centres to which the most serious cases are taken. No New Yorker is ever more than a 20 minute ambulance journey from a trauma centre.

Every ambulance carries two paramedics, who can perform any task short of surgery, or two Emergency Medical Technicians, who can provide basic life support. The system operates on two radio frequencies — one for routine work, one for emergencies.

On arrival, the crew first takes the patient's blood pressure, then conducts a "top to toe" survey. Based on the patient's breathing, circulation and state of consciousness, the crew assigns a "trauma score" between 0 and 15. Patients who fall below 8 on the scale have little chance of survival whatever help is given to them, while those over 13 will almost certainly survive. The battle is for the third of patients who

register a trauma score of between 8-13. Ambulance crews throughout the city have instructions to rush such patients to one of the designated trauma centres. They call the work "Scoop and Run."

**A**t Bellevue Hospital, one of the busiest trauma centres in New York, it is obvious that the system is tried and tested. A pristine two-bed trauma room is ready 24 hours a day, fully stocked with instruments for emergency surgery and attended by a five-person team. There are pre-packaged surgical kits so that doctors can open a patient's chest, head or throat immediately on arrival. Patients arrive on a stretcher that has an X-ray machine built in, so they need not be moved.

"If I were badly hurt, this is where I would want to be brought," says Clare O'Neill, a trauma room nurse from Birkenhead who has worked in the United States for the past 16 years. "Everything that can be done is done, and it is done quickly. At other places it could be done in time, but you might be dead while you're waiting."

As soon as an ambulance picks up a trauma patient bound for Bellevue, the crew radios ahead to warn the unit. The five doctors on standby are summoned from their duties elsewhere in the hospital, and within minutes of the patient's arrival have performed any critical surgery and sent the injured person into one of two operating theatres specially reserved for trauma cases.

The key to the trauma centre system is that every nurse and doctor becomes so accustomed to dealing with severe injuries that they rarely make mistakes. Bellevue's trauma room handled about 1,000 patients last year, giving its staff a wealth of experience. Doctor Ameen Ramzi, of the Maryland Shock-Trauma Centre in Baltimore, which treats almost 3,000 trauma cases annually, estimates that a trauma unit needs at least 300 to 500 patients a year to justify its existence. There is about one trauma patient a year for every 1,000 people, so that a trauma centre requires a population base of between 300,000 to 500,000 people. By that reckoning, London would require about 15 or 16 designated centres. "You British have the

person power in the hospitals to do it," says Dr Goldfrank.

Americans say that the structure of the National Health Service would make it easy to set up a trauma centre system in Britain, so that local hospitals are not overwhelmed during disasters. Because health care in Britain is overwhelmingly controlled by the state, it would be possible to assign certain tasks to certain hospitals.

Another major stumbling block is also less important in Britain: money. Although many large American cities now have trauma centres, the system has faltered in several places because of the cost. Providing trauma care is, by its very nature, loss-making. Treatment for severe injuries — available to all, including the poor and uninsured — is very expensive and recuperation can be long. In Los Angeles and Miami the trauma centre system has broken down because private hospitals did not find it profitable.

As Dr Goldfrank puts it: "If you are a private hospital and you like to take care of Queen Elizabeth and you don't want to take care of the man who has frozen on the street, you don't set up a trauma section."

## Kiss and tell

**A close look at glandular fever may help solve some other medical mysteries**

A planned study on "the teenager's kissing disease", glandular fever, could unlock the mysteries of post-viral fatigue syndrome, also known as Myalgic Encephalomyelitis (ME).

Dr Peter White, locum senior lecturer in psychiatry at St Bartholomew's Hospital, London, hopes it will. A questionnaire, drawn up by White and a member of the public — Margaret Durban, aged 64 — attempts to discover why some people can take years to shake off the effects of ME, while most bounce back to normal in a few months. "Everybody may know somebody who has had glandular fever," White says. "But not everyone is aware that some patients appear to spend years on an on-off recovery course, often with depressive side effects."

The difference between

our research and that on ME," he explains, "is that we shall be looking at a specific illness and its after-effects."

The questionnaire will complement White's almost completed study which traces the progress of the disease for six

months in 140 people. The study looks at the effects of stress, bed-rest, antibiotics and anti-depressants on sufferers.

Letters and paperwork detailing these effects are piled high in the dining-room of Margaret Durban's home in Sydenham. Five years ago, when she was in her last year as a modern languages lecturer, she had firm-hand experience of the illness. She nursed a student, who was laid so low for so long that their university careers were in jeopardy.

"Stress, lack of bed-rest and a conscious urge to get back to work appeared to be common scenarios," she recalls. "In certain cases there appeared to be a lack of understanding on the part of their GPs. If patients did not recover completely within, say six months, they were told that it was all in the mind or that they were being lazy."

She wrote to university medical officers for details of any long-term recoveries, and

to discover how common the virus was among students and how many had had to abandon their courses. On the whole the replies were not encouraging. "Some reported an average of two cases every week; others did not have figures. One medical officer grandly told me there were no prolonged effects of the virus."

Durban next advertised in the ME newsletter. She asked for replies only from those who had first been diagnosed as suffering from the Epstein-Barr virus, a member of the herpes family. Now, more than 100 letters later, she fiercely guards the writers' identities, but can talk of ended careers, broken marriages, lack of concentration, fatigue and depression.

Although the Epstein-Barr virus is most commonly contracted (and is symptomless)

**'If patients did not recover in six months, they were told that they were lazy'**

at around the age of five, it can strike well after the teenage/university years and has been recorded in sufferers aged up to 80. Margaret Durban's case histories are not, she says, composed of drips, wets or wallies. There is the former sport-playing schoolboy, for instance, whose near constant symptoms of depression and fatigue have stayed with him for 24 years; the mother of two young children whose nine years of exhaustion, painful joints and irritability have had blissful remission only while pregnant and breast-feeding.

"I certainly don't want to scare people who have caught glandular fever," Durban says. "I want to tell those who are getting much longer than, say, six months or a year to get better, that they are not alone. Their symptoms are not just in their imagination."

Readers who have been diagnosed as suffering from glandular fever and who have taken longer than six months to make a full recovery are invited to take part in St Bartholomew's study, via Margaret Durban. Send a SAE to Glandular Fever Research Project, PO Box 767, London

Vivien Tomlinson

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## Heartening developments

Fourteen years ago Clive Ashby, the former English rugby scrum-half, wrapped an interest in the leather pill-shaped ball for shiny oval tablets. Clive, aged 37, was playing with his usual verve for an English veterans team when he developed a sudden gripping, heavy pain in his chest which rapidly spread down his arms. It was so severe that he was unable to stand, and vomited on the pitch. Team-mate Billy Trendell, a dentist, suspected that Clive was having a coronary thrombosis and took him immediately to a local doctor, another rugby-playing cove, who confirmed that it was a heart attack.

Since then Clive has had two transient ischaemic attacks, the minor fleeting strokes made famous by Lord White-law's troubles last Christmas, and more recently a second thrombosis. However, he is no more inclined to capitulate to illness than he was to the Scottish forwards at Murrayfield, and so after extensive bypass surgery he is back at his managing director's desk.

The root cause of his arterial trouble is

### MEDICAL BRIEFING

Dr Thomas Stuttford

**Familial hyperlipidaemia.** Clive is now taking simvastatin (Zocor), the new cholesterol-lowering drug which acts by inhibiting cholesterol synthesis.

The Ashbys, like many other families, have an hereditary tendency to a high serum cholesterol. Clive's father died at 51 of a pulmonary embolism, a clot in the artery of the lung; his brother Brian, aged 54, has also had a heart bypass, and his younger brother David, MP for North-west Leicestershire, has had a raised cholesterol. Two of Clive's three daughters have a seriously raised cholesterol as well. They are lucky that their blood was tested while they were still teenagers so that they were able to alter their diet and lifestyles to reduce the chances of developing arterial disease in early middle age.

Their generation is fortunate, too, in that if diet, exercise and rejection of tobacco do not lower the cholesterol level to safe limits, there are new drugs just completing clinical trial which will soon become generally available. It is hoped that these will be able to reduce cholesterol levels by 25 to 50 per cent. Zocor, which has been prescribed for Clive, has not passed all its pre-release stages, but if all goes well it will soon become generally available. Unlike earlier cholesterol-lowering drugs it need only be taken once a day, it has no unpleasant taste and seems to be free of the gastro-intestinal side effects which were so unpleasant in earlier drugs taken to lower serum fats.

Zocor interferes with the enzyme systems which manufacture the cholesterol and is a revolutionary advance in the control of heart disease. This means that it is even more important that children (and other close relatives) of people who have had early heart attacks have their blood tested before their arteries also start to become diseased.

### TB or not TB?

A glance at the necks of the pro-war generation at any gathering will usually reveal that one or two carry the scars of tubercular

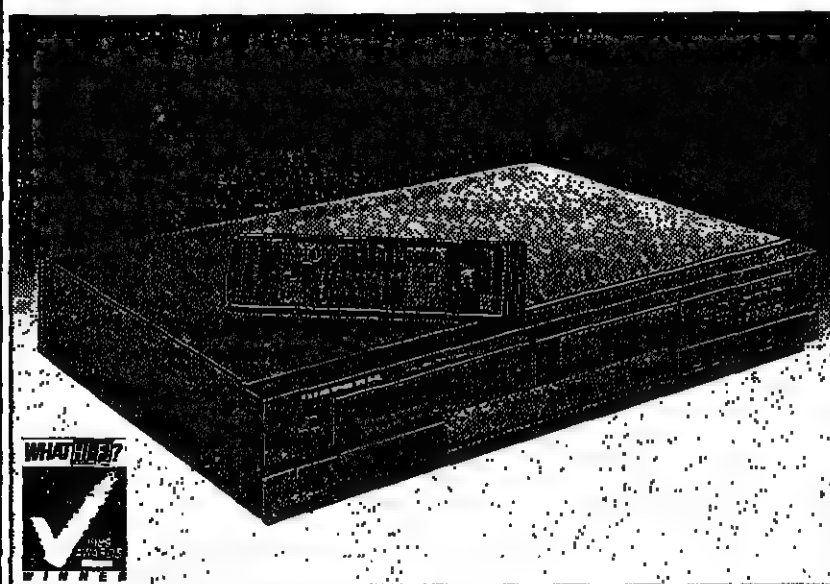
glands removed in childhood. If these patients could be persuaded to have their abdomens X-rayed, some would also show areas of calcification where tubercular glands have healed around their guts.

TB of the neck and abdomen usually resulted from drinking milk infected with bovine tuberculosis. Pasteurized milk, routine testing of dairy herds associated with a vigorous slaughter policy, together with an improved standard of living, BCG vaccination against TB, and modern drugs, have meant that this type of tuberculosis is rarely seen today.

Recently, however, a new danger to Britain's dairy herds, and hence public health, has appeared. Red deer, farmed for their meat, have proved to be very susceptible to bovine tuberculosis. The disease, introduced by Hungarian deer brought in to improve British stock, has spread rapidly. In one Sussex herd 75 per cent of the deer, when tested by sensitive blood tests, rather than the less sensitive skin tests adequate for cows, have shown positive results: they either have, or have had, bovine tuberculosis.

Naturalists, doctors, farmers, veterinary surgeons and deer breeders all want stringent measures to be taken to deal with these pools of infection which could spread into, and threaten, wild deer and badgers as well as cattle. They feel that the Government's present proposal to deal with the situation by making TB in deer a notifiable disease, and the infected herd subject to movement restriction orders, is inadequate. The deer farmers want to see a compulsory slaughter with compensation policy introduced. It seems to them to be illogical for the Government to have attempted to annihilate badgers because of their tendency to develop bovine TB, and yet to tolerate it in farmed deer. (Incidentally, properly cooked venison cannot carry the disease.)

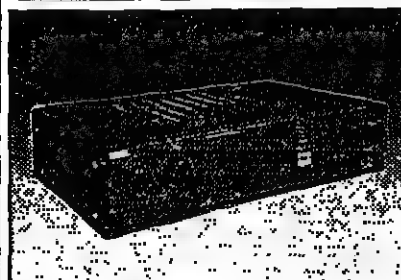
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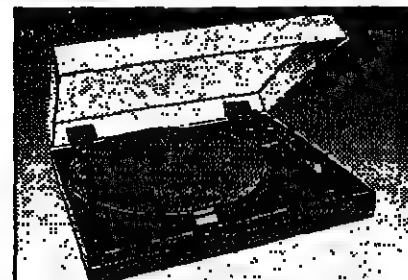
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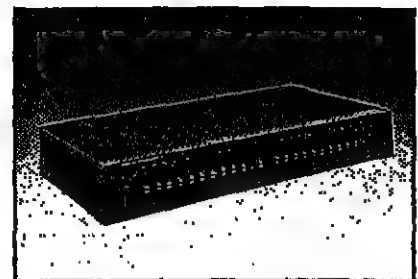
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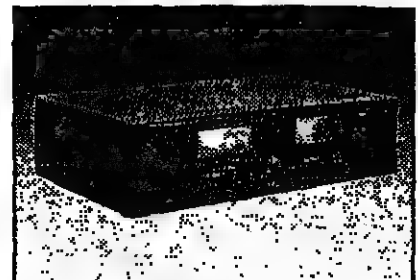
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# TIMES DIARY

ALAN COREN

So you like about the Duke of Edinburgh, when it comes to addressing life's prime cruces there is no chap I would rather have at my elbow. The First Man — if Denis Thatcher will forgive me — has a knack of winking out the nub of things which leaves the lesser thinker breathless.

Take last Tuesday, when, in one of his jollier fulminations, he drew a remarkable distinction anent the manufacture of meat. The philippic pith was couched, admittedly, in an analogy about wives and prostitutes so convoluted as to leave even the smartest of structuralists crawling on all fours towards the nearest vodka, but his point, when it came, was needle-sharp. The world, according to the great consort, was split up into hunters and butchers: hunters did it for fun, butchers did it for money.

It meant — this is often the way with major truths — little to me at the time. But a week on, it means everything. Last Saturday, I went, for the first time in my life, shooting. More accurately — a word for which the day itself turned out to have scant use — I went walking behind a number of gentlemen who had gone shooting.

They were a convivial and charming group, drawn neither from the ornithological gentry who grow misty for the days when George V would shoot his own weight in woodcock before his first cheroot had dwindled, nor from the yuppie-come-latelies who have learned to fire one-handed in order to remain in unbroken portophone contact with the Hong Kong bourse, but from the gentler ranks of decent sporting business folk able respectfully to raise £300 for a day's banging away.

Indeed, the whole affair was manifestly businesslike, keynoted by a locale which could hardly have been a further cry from the romantic wilderness of the sporting squatin, sited as it was in the permanent lee of Fawley oil refinery. The day saw eight different drives, but every drive saw Fawley's towering concrete. Since our little platoon was ported from drive to drive in the back of a Land Rover, and since at each halt the vehicle debouched a dozen men in khaki jackets who immediately began firing in the general direction of the oil industry, our party resembled nothing so much as a small band of guerrillas dropped into suburban Hampshire by an unnamed foreign power and committed to striking at the heart of Britain's energy.

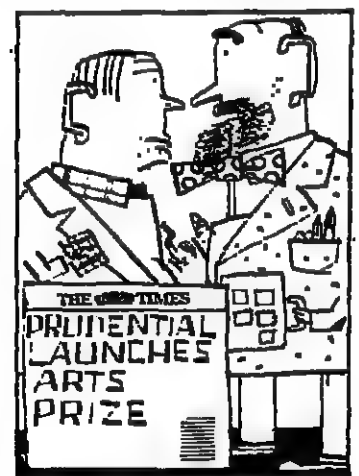
What they were firing in the specific direction of, however, was pleasant. Fired to die, the hand-fed targets ambled from cover, hopped up briefly in the air, and flapped slowly into a barrage of pellets which accounted, astonishingly, for very few of them. Those struck fell around me to lie like feathered reticules, whereupon highly trained dogs began running away from them. I took Prince Philip's point immediately. It was enormous fun, if you liked that sort of thing.

At the end of the shoot, I was, though a non-combatant, generously given a brace of pheasant, cock and hen strung together at the neck in a rather touching eternal embrace. I put them in the boot. When I arrived home, I hung them on a nail in the garage, and invited my wife to take a look.

"They appear to be full," she said. "Yes, they come down like that," I said expertly. "You have to pluck the outside stuff off and pull the inside stuff out."

She went back into the house. I looked at the pheasants for a bit.

BARRY FANTONI



"Let's hope there's no small print preventing them from paying up."

My local butcher, Mr Kingsland, shook his head. "This time of year," he said. "Couldn't touch it. There's just me and the boy."

"Couldn't touch it," said the boy, "this time of year."

"Any other time," said Mr Kingsland. "There's all these turkeys," said the boy.

I came out of the shop into West End Lane. It was Monday, and the weather was warm, but the pheasant were all right, so far. A few feathers fell out when I put them back in the boot.

I tried four other butchers on the way to my office and three on the way home. It turned out to be this time of year. Only one, the Al Madina in Crawford Street, went mad: simply walking into a halal butcher's with a couple of moulting eiders can render the entire premises unholy, apparently. You learn something every day.

When I opened the boot on Tuesday afternoon outside Somers & Kirby, Connaught Street, to which a kindly but otherwise unhelpful soul in Selfridge's had directed me, something was definitely up. You did not need to be a bloodhound. I carried them in, at arm's length.

"Could you come back Friday?" said either Somers or Kirby. "Can't promise, mind."

I looked at the pheasants. More feathers fell off.

It is Wednesday, as I write. The pheasants are back on the nail. Ian McCaskill has just said the weather is unseasonably warm, but I already knew.

I have made more phone calls today, and there's something else I know. Which is that the gulf between hunters and butchers would appear to be wider even than the Duke's stately perception can encompass. Butchers don't even do it for money, if someone else has done it for fun.

Dublin

In commenting on the failure of the Ryan extradition request I will start by making a present to those whom the Irish Attorney General's decision infuriated. I think that he was satisfied that there was a genuine British intention to prosecute backed by adequate evidence, he probably exceeded his legal powers.

Although it is true that he has a general role in representing the public interest, his role in the extradition process is limited. I would think, to examining requests on the specific criteria — clear intention plus sufficient evidence — laid down by the 1987 Extradition (Amendment) Act; and I do not think he can supplement these by further tests related to any one of an indefinite array of constitutional values. This does not mean that such values cannot be invoked in extradition as in any other process; but I think the High Court is the place for doing this.

Even if the warrants had been endorsed and the arrest had taken place, Ryan would still have had two weeks in which to go to that court on either statutory or constitutional grounds; and if necessary, on appeal from it, to the Supreme Court. These courts have in the last 20 years built up a very large

John Kelly explains the thinking behind the extradition refusal

## Ryan: why Dublin said no

body of doctrine about citizens' constitutional entitlement to "fair procedures"; and I would be very surprised, on the evidence of the atmosphere generated in Britain in the last two weeks, if they thought that "fair procedures" were assured in the present instance.

That atmosphere arises, to quote the Attorney General, in part from "media attacks on Patrick Ryan's general character, often expressed in intemperate language and frequently in the form of extravagantly worded headlines, and also assertions of his guilt of the offences comprised in the warrants — and, indeed, assertions of his guilt of other offences in respect of which no charges have been brought"; as well as from the similar tenor of words used in the House of Commons to which maximum publicity naturally attached.

How likely is it, after all this, that the ordinary process of jury selection could throw up twelve

jurors with minds still quite open about Patrick Ryan? If either of the Irish superior courts came, as seems to me very likely, to the conclusion that it could not, it would order the prisoner's release. Therefore even if the Attorney General was not entitled to take the line he did on Tuesday, the end result from the British point of view would probably have been the same.

That result ought not to be imputed, as *The Times* leading article of yesterday imputes it, to "political cowardice". The Attorney General, though in practice appointed by the Taoiseach and dismissible by him, is an independent person whose office is defined in the Constitution, and is in no sense subject, in the day-to-day discharge of his functions, to direction from the Government. I know nothing of what goes on in Mr Haughey's cabinet; but I would be sorry to think, and must say I do not believe, that an Attorney General would make so little of his

office as to take orders about how to exercise it. If he has over-exerted his powers on this occasion, I believe it is in response to an honest belief for which in fact quite serious arguments, based on modern Irish constitutional law, can be advanced.

Two other very important matters arise. First, the Attorney General's statement contained the specific charge that not only on this but on a previous occasion the material used in British media presentations of background on pending extradition requests could have come only from some official British source; that he expressed concern about this to the British Attorney General, and that the latter accepted that this concern was justified.

This specific charge calls for a specific response. If this is not forthcoming, or is not satisfactory, the British authorities will appear deliberately to have colluded with the media in

generating the atmosphere which makes the possibility of a fair trial seem so remote.

Secondly, what can now be done, since extradition is ruled out? There remains Ireland's Criminal Law Jurisdiction Act of 1976, under which persons accused of certain offences in Northern Ireland, or (broadly, where explosives are involved) in Britain, can be tried by an Irish court. Here yesterday's leading article is plain wrong, on two counts.

The initiative in invoking this Act lies, as it must lie, with the Northern Ireland and British authorities; and if surprisingly little use has been made of it, it is they and not we who are called on to explain why. The statement that the Act "has not been notably successful in the past", if related to the trials which actually have taken place under it, is nonsense; of 13 persons so tried, 10 have been convicted and eight of those given very heavy sentences.

The readers of *The Times* are told in the same breath that, if media and parliamentary comments have made a fair trial in Britain impossible, they must equally have done so here, where British papers freely circulate and British broadcasts are widely received, so that even an Irish jury "would be bound to be unfairly prejudiced". But juries are not used here in cases where subversive violence is implicated; these go to a special criminal court consisting of three experienced judges, well immunized against taking any notice of noises from tabloids or from parliament.

The Irish Attorney General, in the closing sentences of his statement, admitted that the charges in this case are most serious, and ought to be tried; and virtually invited the British prosecuting authorities to consider how many of them might be fit to be preferred here under the 1976 Act. If this invitation is neglected, it may be that further adverse conclusions will be drawn here about British good faith; and a further burden placed upon the tender growth of the Hillsborough Agreement.

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## Shockwaves from Armenia

Moscow

As Armenians start to rebuild their lives after last week's earthquake come the first political tremors. At national and republic level, a wave of dismissals must be expected and the Soviet Union's huge civil defence system reorganised. Criticism of the delay in organizing and co-ordinating the relief effort was reinforced yesterday with the remark reportedly made by the health minister, Yevgeny Chazov, that the civil defence operation had "demonstrated its complete bankruptcy".

In theory, the Soviet civilian population is one of the best prepared for war or natural disaster. Among its many tasks, the ubiquitous civil defence organization DosAAF (an acronym for the voluntary society for assisting the army, air force and navy) organizes civil defence training for most school-children, leading some western observers to believe that the Soviet Union is virtually on a permanent war footing. Girls learn first aid, and boys are prepared — with drill and familiarization with weapons — for their two years' compulsory military service. But in the past week all this effort has produced little effect. Indeed, the fact that many children find the training an unwelcome chore may have made it more of a hindrance than a help.

Already, newspaper editorials are citing new heroes and new models of personal conduct which require people to lead rather than follow, take the initiative without waiting for authorization, and show an imaginative approach to solving problems.

In fairness, the earthquake destroyed most government offices and hospitals in the worst-hit areas, killing many of those who would have co-ordinated rescue and evacuation. But this is unlikely to prevent the authorities in Armenia being blamed for not having made

adequate preparations for a disaster of this kind and for responding too slowly. Even six days after the earthquake, Nikolai Ryzhkov, the prime minister and chairman of the Politburo commission, was saying that insufficient local resources were being directed to the disaster area. The Armenian party leader, Suren Arutyunyan, and his colleagues will also be blamed for any inadequacies found in seismological surveys of the region and in building standards.

So far, judging from official reports, little blame has been attached to the central leadership. The Ryzhkov commission, along with the health minister and the defence minister, Dmitri Yezov, probably represent the biggest concentration of senior officials to arrive so promptly in a Soviet disaster area.

Mr Gorbachev's authority, meanwhile, is undiminished. If anything, it has been enhanced. By cutting short his foreign tour to visit the disaster area and to be seen on television listening to the complaints of survivors and rescue workers, he did something none of his predecessors had ever done: he behaved like a national leader.

Gorbachev personally hand-picked the Politburo commission. Those Politburo members rumoured to be less enthusiastic about his reform programme, Yegor Ligachev and Lev Zaykov in particular,

or all that, during his visit to the disaster area Gorbachev had to parry shouted criticism by earthquake survivors: it was all very well for him to visit Armenia now, he was told, but where had he been when Armenians were being killed in neighbouring Azerbaijan earlier in the year?

Many Armenians do not believe they are being told the whole truth about the disaster. They resented the discrepancy between the first local estimates of 80,000 dead and the first



official figure of 40-45,000 and believe the number will in fact exceed 80,000.

They also blame the central authorities for the delay in mounting the relief operation and for its initial inefficiency. In this, they see not only the hand of Moscow, but indirectly also the hand of their enemies in Azerbaijan.

Moscow's refusal during the summer to countenance Armenia's demand for the transfer of the disputed region of Nagorno-Karabakh from Azerbaijan has led many Armenians to regard Moscow and Azerbaijan as being in collusion.

However, even-handed Gorbachev tried to make his criticism of both sides in the dispute at the weekend, and however loudly he insists — as he did then — that it is morally reprehensible to link the territorial dispute and the earthquake, Armenians see the fate of Nagorno-Karabakh as indicative of his attitude, and many are unhappy.

Last Sunday, Armenian anger was expressed in a mass demonstration in Yerevan. It had been planned with three aims: to protest against the delays in the earthquake relief operation, to demand that Armenia should not accept any aid from Azerbaijan, and to protest against the rumoured permanent evacuation of Armenian children to Russia. The

previous evening, however, seven of the organizers were arrested under a new regulation: inciting ethnic discord, which carries a standard 30-day period of detention.

The demonstration went ahead — according to the army paper *Krasnaya Zvezda* yesterday, more than 2,000 people took part — but the three original points of protest were subordinated to the single aim of freeing the arrested leaders. The gathering was broken up as an illegal demonstration and more arrests were made.

The "special state" declared in Yerevan, which is virtually martial law, was tightened and the curfew, which had been lifted

when the troops enforcing it were transferred to earthquake relief, was reimposed. The day after the demonstration, the Yerevan military command broadcast an announcement of the arrests and an appeal for "calm, observance of order and the regulations in force, for restraint and common sense". Reports from Yerevan now say the city is very tense.

Many Armenians say publicly that the disaster is so great that differences with Azerbaijan should be forgotten in the relief effort. But others tell western reporters that the earthquake and the response to it in Moscow and Azerbaijan show how important it is to continue the fight for Nagorno-Karabakh. Their animosity is fuelled by the "poison" greetings telegrams sent to some Armenians on the disaster and reports that Azeri held street celebrations when they heard the news and set fire to Armenian-occupied houses in Azerbaijan when troops were transferred to the relief operation.

Wild rumours have been spread: that Azeris are holding up relief supplies at the Armenian border, that non-Armenians will be drafted into the republic on the pretext of earthquake reconstruction and that the evacuation of people from the affected areas is only a cover for the permanent deportation of Armenians to Siberia.

In the extreme conditions following the earthquake, Nagorno-Karabakh still stands as a symbol of Armenian aspirations. The more distant it seems, the more obstacles are placed in the way, the more fiercely Armenian longing for it burns. Now, more than at any time since the massacres by the Turks of 1915, Armenians need a dream. The territory of Nagorno-Karabakh, populated by Armenians, misused by Azerbaijan and denied them by Moscow, gives them just that.

Commentary • RONALD BUTT

## Anything but Labour

Whatever the Epping by-election result tells us about the current mood of Epping voters, its message will be nowhere near as informative about the basic consensus of British politics as the opinion polls are. Answering a pollster's questions is a more precise exercise. Other things being equal, most of us have a natural urge to answer questions about our opinions honestly, if only because our opinions are among our proudest personal possessions.

Asked by a pollster what we think about the Government's policies we tell him the truth. Why not? Likewise, when we are asked about how we would vote if an election were held now, we tend to say what we feel at present, even though we may change our minds later.

Mr and Mrs Majority are telling the pollsters now that they do not think much of a number of the Government's policies and attitudes, including the Chancellor's conduct of the economy. They are pessimistic about its prospects of improvement next year, and sceptical about the reliance on high interest rates. They also dislike the privatization plans for water and electricity, are critical of education and housing policy, and remain hostile to the poll tax. Nor is Mrs Thatcher personally deeply loved. Yet it is also clear that if a general election were held now she would be back in office.

There is, however, nothing new in this paradox. The same pattern has held throughout this parliament. Mrs Thatcher has repeatedly encountered hostility over particular policies, the discontent over social security and health spending, for instance.

Yet it has throughout been clear that she would nevertheless be re-elected.

Of course, a government often encounters hostility to its policies during a parliament and is still returned to power at the end of it. But dislike of policies is for a time, at least, usually reflected in a fall in support measured by voting intentions. The public's present clear-eyed recognition that it would stay with the Government, even when disliking its policies, can mean only one thing: the majority's rejection of Labour is fundamental to the attitudes of the political nation.

Despite Mr Kinnock's revisionism, including Labour's rejection of old-style nationalism and its acceptance (however grudging) of a place for the market in the economy, and despite its promises of more generous public spending on health and social provision, the majority remains unconvinced.

Labour's plight has a certain potential resemblance to the state of politics during the long Whig hegemony between 1714 and the 1760s, when the old Tories were consigned to the opposition benches because they were considered unacceptable. The political nation rejected the Whigs on account of the rigidity of attitudes associated with their original dislike of the 1714 settlement (even though the revolution of 1688 could never have been made without them). They were also (less than fairly) stigmatized for Jacobite sympathies. Above all, they were seen not to be emotionally comfortable with the new order of things, having never quite shed their hankering for an older, more mystical, view of the

Crown's authority. They were not trusted.

In the Labour Party today, for "Jacobitism" read "socialism". The leftists mesmerize themselves by saying that Labour has been defeated because of too little rather than too much socialism. But the Labour front bench knows that the reverse is true. So do the Marxist revisionists (the "Filofax Marxists") whose opinions are reflected in *Marxism Today* and elsewhere, which is why some of them are attracted to the idea of socialism by the back door of proportional representation, in alliance with other opposition groups. PR is seen as a potential servant by many would-be masters.

This understanding also underlies the attitude of the show business people, leftist journalists and academics and Democrat politicians who have signed the pledge for PR and an entrenched Bill of Rights under the title of Charter 88. Labour has at least had the good sense to reject both panaceas. Yet even some of Mr Kinnock's closest supporters now see peace with other opposition parties as Labour's only hope.

So why should Labour be in a plight that so many of its sympathizers regard as desperate? The explanation is that the public does not trust the ability of the party's leaders in Parliament to control the activists whose social attitudes, from the ILEA to Liverpool and from Harrogate to the unions, are witness to a rooted hostility to what has been changed and achieved with public approval since 1979.

As Mr Ron Todd of the TGWU has made clear this week, the activists will fight the

retreat from total unilateralism all the way, and they can also be expected to fight the leadership on the other reformist fronts, including the economy.

The nation will not elect a party which makes proposals of convenience from the head to which the heart is not committed. It wishes to consign the older style of socialism to history. Nor will votes be won by the rhetoric of the Charter 88 kind which pretends that this is so arbitrary a government as to be controllable only by the entrenched clauses of a new Bill of Rights. The people know very well that they can deal with Mrs Thatcher, if they choose, by turning her out, and their instinct will tell them that a Bill of Rights would only enshrine the interpretative power of the judges (itself arbitrary) over the elected parliament.

They do not, however, contemplate turning Mrs Thatcher out because they see a really malevolent kind of arbitrariness dogging Mr Kinnock's footsteps in the Labour Party. When they observe the left rebellion against his decision to abstain on the Prevention of Terrorism Bill — rather than vote against it, so as not to oppose the confiscation of terrorist funds — they find their understanding of Labour's instincts confirmed.

Mr Kinnock may not be brilliant at his job. He does not greatly impress the public. But it is the party, not its leader, which is condemned. Mrs Thatcher has cause to be grateful. Confronted by a genuinely social democratic Labour Party, a Tory government whose prospective policies for the rest of this parliament commanded so little enthusiasm might not sleep quite so easily.

DEC 15 ON THIS DAY 1870

Amadeus, Duke of Aosta and second son of Victor Emmanuel, was on unpopularity with the Spanish people that he abdicated after three years on the throne when civil war threatened.

THE SPANISH DEPUTATION IN FLORENCE (FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT)

FLORENCE, Dec 7

What a delightful task it would be for some modern Pagan to describe the festivities we are now witnessing here in honour of the Spanish Deputation sent to offer the Turons of Ferdinand and Isabella to Amadeo di Savoia And, alas how far less delightful must be that of those unfortunate Hidalgo entrusted with the solemn mission, the chief actors in the play! Ever since their first arrival in Florence at midday on Saturday last, in full gala dress and glittering with stars, up to this evening (Wednesday), they can scarcely have had a moment's breathing time. Nor are they yet at the end of their arduous undertaking, for this evening is set apart for a municipal banquet and soiree, and sundry other entertainments

such as dinners, operatic gala performances, etc. — are yet to be inflicted upon them, which will doubtless give them plenty of opportunities for pronouncing high-flown speeches and toasts in true Castilian. It is hardly necessary for me to assure you that this city has not belied her traditional reputation for hospitality and elegant refinement. Nothing could have been more appropriate, more beautiful, or in better taste than the profuse decoration of flowers, illustrative of the name of Florence ("City of Flowers"), with which the Tuscan capital had chosen to adorn herself on this festive occasion. By a singular coincidence a heavy snowfall of snow which fell early on Sunday morning combined to lend an additional and unusual charm of quaint picturesqueness to the gigantic bouquets which lined the quays and principal streets, and the festoons of garlands stretching from one lamp-post to another all along the Lung' Arno and the thoroughfares through which the Deputies of the Spanish Cortes had to drive on their road from their hotel to Palazzo Pitti. "You see," was the arch remark of a witty Italian high dignitary to a Northern diplomatist, "we are not able to get on without the North, we poor Latin nations, and are not even able to celebrate a fête in our own countries among ourselves without having to pay tribute to that powerful, victorious North, who pays us a visit in the shape of snow flakes." And to be sure, allusions to the Latin race of this kind are not only frequent in recurrence, but form a chief topic of conversation in all Italian circles just now. A great deal is said on the subject, and it is only to be hoped that the nation will preserve enough calm judgment and practical sense in their political appreciations not to allow mere philological theories and ethnological considerations to interfere too largely in their management of public affairs to the detriment of their own vital interests. You may, however, rest assured that the only thing which reconciles the Italians to some very serious drawbacks, which they are beginning to deplore, in the elevation of one of their Royal Princes to a foreign throne is the strong feeling of the solidarity existing between the different branches of the so-called Latin race, and the necessity (as it appears to them) of strengthening the bonds of unity between them in the presence of the recently-attained Teutonic supremacy in Europe.





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## EARTHQUAKES AND EGGS

The Armenian earthquake is a fearful tragedy and there is nothing funny about *Salmonella enteritidis*. Yet there was a surrealist character which verged on the blackly humorous about the report in *The Times* yesterday that British egg producers are to send to Armenia a million of the eggs which are unsold as a result of the salmonella scare. It does, to say the least, put the egg matter in a kind of perspective.

On the one hand, we have a million eggs that can be sent to the victims of the Armenian earthquake, in the certain knowledge that they will do good which wholly outweighs any infinitesimal health risk attached.

On the other, we have the fact that these million eggs and very many more have been unsold as a result of the fears which the Department of Health has not exactly discouraged and for the scale of which its junior minister, Mrs Currie, is largely responsible.

Public, medical and government concern had been voiced about the risk of a new strain of salmonella related to eggs before Mrs Currie spoke. But it was Mrs Currie's breezy statement that "most of the egg production in this country is, sadly, now infected with salmonella" that precipitated the egg-consumers' strike and reduced egg consumption by about 60 per cent, threatening producers with ruin and their workers with the redundancy which some Tory MPs would like Mrs Currie to share.

That statement infuriated the Minister of Agriculture, Mr John MacGregor, whose producer-orientated department reflects the anxieties of the threatened industry. He has virtually contradicted Mrs Currie, declaring that "it is not the case that most eggs are infected".

Yet whatever he thinks of her precise phraseology, Mrs Currie was not disowned or rebuked by her Secretary of State, Mr Kenneth Clarke, and is apparently supported by her department, which represents the health of egg consumers and the medical profession which is supposed to guard it.

Moreover, fresh eggs have been taken off some hospital menus. The majority of egg-

eaters seem to have decided that, even though the statistical risk to any individual of being infected by salmonella is small, the individuals are unlikely enough to get it might just be themselves.

This confusion is chiefly the responsibility of the Government departments involved. The new voluntary code of practice for the keeping and feeding of hen-laying eggs was plainly an inadequate public reassurance. Now, after prolonged negotiations between the Departments of Agriculture and Health, in the atmosphere of two rival powers on the brink of conflict, an advertising campaign has been announced.

On balance, it seems to represent more of a victory for Health (and the doctors) than for Agriculture (and the producers.) Though reminded of the nutritious advantages of eggs and the very small risk of infection, we are nevertheless told (as the Chief Medical Officer has already advised) not to eat raw eggs, which seems to apply whatever our state of health.

But if we think we are healthy we can eat them cooked as usual. It is not entirely clear whether this is chiefly because even light cooking is some protection or because the infection is no great risk to the fit. It is not new, nor is it exactly the clearest advice to people confused by the statistics and about the facts.

On one level, the whole affair can be studied with academic interest by the students of the relationship of interest groups with rival Whitehall departments, each of which has its "clients" to whose cause it is more dedicated than to abstract truth.

Or the affair might be seen as a series of damage limitation exercises by politicians and officials as ignorant as everyone else about where precisely the balance of truth lies. On the substance of the matter, each citizen must still make up his own mind. The Government's aim for the future should be to equip itself with rather more scientific facts to share with the public. Its ministers could make earlier use of the machinery which exists for co-ordinating Government pronouncements on health.

## MUSEUM MINIMA

There will, inevitably, be occasions when a picture, a book or some artefact from the great national collections is invisible to public eyes: when it is undergoing the work of conservation or cataloguing, or is in transit between one gallery or museum and another. In a well-kept collection their number should be at a minimum; their absence should be regretted and its duration kept as short as possible. For though the national collections, specifically the British and Victoria and Albert museums, have essential obligations to the community of scholars and experts who view in private, it is difficult to conceive that they have any obligation less pressing than public availability and an inescapable commitment to a policy of open shelves and open galleries.

The charge that they have failed to meet that obligation gives yesterday's report from the Public Accounts Committee its force, and allows its chairman, Mr Robert Sheldon, to allege that there has been a breakdown in the proper stewardship of national assets. It is a forceful critique, which requires a convincing response from Mr Richard Luce and his colleagues in the Government. Capitalizing on the National Audit Office's report of March this year, the PAC asks some clear questions which the curators of the national collections have not yet answered: why pursue an active acquisitions policy when the existing store of treasures is so badly conserved? Backlogs in conservation; poor storage conditions; unsystematic inventories: these are serious charges, that speak ill of the nation's sense of its past and its pride in preserving the qualitative expression of its artists and artisans.

What is to be done? Not for the first time, both the auditors and their parliamentary spokesmen prove to be excellent critics, but rather unimaginative analysts of public policy. Their first suggestion is unexceptionable. No

curator can operate successfully on an annual basis; the keepers of the national collections need the financial freedom to undertake longer-run programmes of cataloguing and conservation. The notion of apportioning a priority to items in the collections and trading off new acquisitions against items in stock is more problematic.

What ought to be the acquisitions policy of the V & A or the British Museum? The answer is a hard decision: if for whatever reason the museums cannot display their treasures, then surely they ought to divest themselves of pieces to collections (abroad?) which can make more fruitful use of them.

Before then, however, the Government has to speak more resolutely than it has to date about the future of investment in these collections. They are of course highly significant items in the tourism budget as well as appurtenances of a civilized, and historically conscious country. Buildings are one item, and staffing is another. Mr Luce possibly has to recognize that the time has come when the Government's proper concern for aggregate numbers of employees in the public service is actually doing damage to national institutions and that the time has come to stop turning the screw.

If the Government were to decide that the United Kingdom was too well endowed with national collections of arts and artefacts and that public policy should no longer concern itself with, say, the V & A, that would at least represent a clear-cut decision. But as long as these collections remain — and they should — a public charge, gathered together and exhibited for the edification and joy of the British public and foreign visitors, then the Government should accept that certain minimum costs have to be borne. The PAC gives useful guidance on what those minima are.

## A FEUD BETWEEN BROTHERS

The general strike which paralysed Spain yesterday was a political trial of strength similar to the one which the Spanish Prime Minister, Señor Felipe González, successfully mounted two years ago over Spanish membership of Nato. This time, he has not emerged unscathed. An estimated 7.8 million people, half the workforce, responded to what had become a popular vote of confidence in Señor González' Socialist Workers' Party.

The Government had, on the face of it, all the good arguments. The direct focus of the strike was its plan to reduce youth unemployment — the highest in Europe, in a country whose overall unemployment is falling but where 19 per cent of the workforce is still jobless — by subsidizing employers to take on young people at the minimum wage on short-term contracts. Everybody agrees that special measures are needed to find young people jobs. Señor Nicolas Redondo, the fiery leader of the socialist union, the UGT, appeared to have picked weak ground on which to bring his simmering quarrel with his old friend Señor González to a head.

Accusing the Government of seeking to pack Spain's factories with cheap non-union labour, the UGT forged an unprecedented alliance with the Communist trade union, the CCOO, to call the general strike, Spain's first since 1934. In the past few weeks, the grounds of the confrontation have broadened: the unions have mobilized resentments over declining purchasing power, and played on the uncertainties created by modernization after decades of paternalistic dictatorship.

The parallel is not with Britain in the late 1970s. Despite yesterday's huge turn-out, Spanish unions are not over-mighty subjects with well-entrenched powers. They are young

— Franco's Spain banned unions along with the right to strike — and underfunded. The essence of the political dispute is that, as in France, the unions feel betrayed by a socialist Government dedicated to market policies.

The UGT and the Socialist Workers' Party have, as the party's name implies, been blood brothers. Señor González owes his leadership of the party to Señor Redondo. The UGT owes many of its members' jobs to systematic Government favouritism, which has made whole sectors of the civil and public services UGT preserves. The showdown has all the characteristics of a blood feud.

In economic terms, Señor González could have chosen to ignore a 24-hour strike. Instead, and characteristically, he took up the political challenge. He staked his prestige on a low turnout, inviting Spaniards to choose between being Europeans and Latin Americans. No European country, he said, had had a general strike in 20 years; Argentina had suffered 13 in the last five. To strike would be to show political immaturity. The UGT fought its corner with equal ferocity, expelling union leaders who opposed the strike call.

In retrospect, Señor González would seem on this occasion to have chosen an unsuitable style for the right message. The right to strike is also, after all, a symbol to Spaniards of the country's modernization. The turn-out is as much a verdict on the Prime Minister's perceived arrogance as it is on the ostensible issues of wages and job security. The strike is thus a salutary reminder to Señor González that politicians are fallible. But the relationship between the Government and the UGT has been too cosy for Spain's good, and it will be a setback for the country if he loses the war as well as this round in the battle.

## Egg fears placed in perspective

From Mr Christopher Jackson, MEP for East Kent (European Democrat) (Conservative)

Sir, "Hens face slaughter as egg sales drop" (*Times* headline, December 10). When a Government minister pronounces that "most British egg production was infected with salmonella", it occasions considerable alarm. The public and the industry concerned have a right to expect either that such a statement is backed by facts, or that it will be withdrawn with equivalent publicity.

Having been to some lengths to ascertain the facts, I have found no evidence from official or unofficial sources to back up the ministerial statement quoted.

In 1988 there have been on average 1,000 known cases a month of salmonella food poisoning. Of these, about 100 cases could be linked to eggs. Tests on flocks suspected of association with cases revealed an infection rate of 1 to 2 per cent. Random tests on other flocks revealed not a single egg — i.e., zero infection. A major egg producer has recently tested 1,500 eggs at random, again with a zero infection result.

In Britain we produce some 30 million eggs a day. Perhaps 15 million a day are eaten in a lightly cooked or uncooked form — 450 million a month. Comparison with the 1,000 cases a month suggests that one egg in every 450,000 may give rise to a case of salmonella poisoning. To put this graphically, if you, Sir, were to eat an egg a day for the next 1,000 years you might get a tummy upset on one occasion.

Life is not and never will be risk-free. We are surrounded by germs. The annual risk of serious injury in a road accident is higher than the risk of one tummy upset through a raw egg for someone who eats one a day for a year.

Today an important industry is suffering a catastrophe, with sales down by up to 60 per cent (report, December 12), largely because of an exaggerated statement. It is time the Government corrected the record.

Yours faithfully,  
CHRISTOPHER JACKSON,  
8 Wellmead Drive,  
Sevenoaks, Kent,  
December 14.

From Mr James Behrens, Sir, It is clear to me that eggs are not as dangerous as some people seem to think. I shall have to find some other expression to use when I'm sure about something.

Yours faithfully,  
JAMES BEHRENS,  
13 Old Square,  
Lincoln's Inn, WC2,  
December 13.

## Clapham rail crash

From Mr Rainer Burchett, Sir, One factor that must not be overlooked in the enquiries into the Clapham rail disaster is the lack of voice communication in the driver's cab.

The driver of the first train apparently noticed the faulty signal and stopped his train in order to find a telephone to report the fault. Clearly a telephone or radio link would have enabled him to communicate more quickly and could well have avoided the disaster altogether.

Even if signalling can be improved to be completely fail-safe, other emergencies can arise, such as fallen trees or other obstructions on the line, which will be better dealt with by direct communication.

Yours faithfully,  
R. BURCHETT,  
29 Aldenham Avenue,  
Radlett, Hertfordshire,  
December 13.

## The training circle

From the Director-General of the Association of British Chambers of Commerce

Sir, You rightly call on chambers of commerce (leading article, December 6) to react quickly to the opportunities presented by the Government's White Paper on training. While chambers may frequently act as a catalyst for the setting up of Training and Enterprise Councils, their involvement must be of a wider nature.

The councils, composed mainly of senior local businessmen, represent an admirable advance towards training that is sensitive to local needs. But business involvement must not stop with the council itself.

If the new bodies are not to become local quangos, distant from and insensitive to the needs of business generally, the entire business community, focused on its chamber of commerce, must have an input into the council's decisions. To succeed, the councils will need to tap into existing networks.

Yours faithfully,  
R. G. TAYLOR, Director-General,  
The Association of British Chambers of Commerce,  
212a Shaftesbury Avenue, WC2,  
December 14.

## Infant deaths

From the Chief Executive of the Foundation for the Study of Infant Deaths

Sir, The report (details, December 14) of the all-party committee of MPs on perinatal, neonatal, and infant mortality focused our attention once again on the stark truth that each year babies die suddenly and unexpectedly, and that some such deaths are clearly preventable.

The Foundation for the Study of Infant Deaths is the major funder of research into cot deaths and we

## Tighter grip on North Sea fishery

From Mr James Provan, MEP for North East Scotland (European Democrat) (Conservative)

Sir, Today's leading article ("The men in the boats", December 13) is a timely reminder of the continued importance of the fishing industry to the north-east of Scotland and to the Scottish economy as a whole.

The cuts in the cod and haddock quotas are a savage blow to an industry already suffering from the freeze in boat-building grants and facing a substantial bill to bring facilities up to the standards which will be required for it to compete successfully in the single Community market. It would have been far worse if ministers had taken the easy way out of increasing quotas through the creation of "paper" fish.

Our ministers' achievements should be recognised for what they were able to obtain in Brussels — not just obtaining the lion's share of the haddock quotas, but also the right to follow the mackerel shoals into the North Sea.

While the TAC (total allowable catches) system needs to be strengthened, possibly by setting

quotas over a range of white fish species and over a number of years, the first requirement is to reduce the catching power of the fleet.

In 1987 the UK, along with other member States, agreed to a 3 per cent reduction in tonnage by 1991. The UK fleet is now some 15 per cent over target. The European Community has a scheme for decommissioning vessels. Significantly, the country which has applied the scheme most enthusiastically, Denmark, has registered the largest fall in vessel tonnage.

Ireland and the UK, which have not applied the scheme, have seen the greatest increase in tonnage. In conjunction with a tightening up of the vessel licensing arrangements to prevent a build-up of new capacity the UK should now apply the Community decommissioning scheme, as a matter of urgency.

Yours sincerely,  
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97-113 rue Belliard,  
1040 Brussels, Belgium,  
December 13.

## Transport troubles

From Miss Jillian E. Beardwood, Sir, In summing up (leading article, December 10) your excellent series of articles on transport in London you rightly emphasise the need for co-ordinated planning and action. I think that perhaps the general reader will not have read from those articles how far professional (as opposed to political) thinking has moved in this direction in the last few years. The area assessment studies, for example, are being allowed to take some note of public transport.

I personally also regret that no space has yet been found to inform that reader of the sterling work done jointly by the statisticians of the Department of Transport and the boroughs to keep available for all concerned as much as possible of the basic transport data held at the time of its abolition by the Greater London Council.

It is, however, the future which matters and it so happens that there is a key date in that future which would influence the time-table of any administrative changes proposed. This date is 1991, when the fourth in the series of decennial London Transport surveys is due.

The previous three such surveys were the source of many of the facts presented by your recent correspondents and are still used extensively by those concerned with transport in London. A 1991 survey, carried out and subsequently managed and made generally accessible under a new London Transport Executive which both used and added to the expertise built up under the old bodies would be a key weapon in the war against capital chaos.

Yours faithfully,  
JILLIAN E. BEARDWOOD,  
100 Heath Row,  
Bishops Cleeve, Hertfordshire,  
December 11.

From Mr S. P. C. Plowden, Sir, In his interesting *Spectrum* article (December 5) Paul Valley quotes the principle adopted in my recent study for the London Centre for Transport Planning that a car journey should be restrained where "the costs to other road users, in time and money, exceed the benefits to the individual car user".

This principle was used to assess what proportion of the journeys now made to central London every morning by car should transfer to public transport. It was shown that the great majority should transfer. The study then compared the various means by which the transfers

might be brought about, but, contrary to the impression given by the *Spectrum* article, it did not conclude that road pricing would be the best.

Road pricing is hard to justify while company car tax concessions and similar fiscal distortions remain. Even if they were all removed, the report suggested that a method of restraint combining permits and pricing might be preferable to schemes based on road pricing alone. Only certain kinds of people would have the right to use a car in the centre, but they would also have to pay.

This method can be thought of as an extension of the familiar and accepted residents' parking schemes. The report argues that it would probably be fairer and more effective than pure road pricing. One advantage is that it should produce a greater reduction in traffic than either road pricing or the other restraint methods that have been canvassed, and should therefore do most to improve bus services, conditions for pedestrians and cyclists and the environment.

Yours faithfully,  
STEPHEN PLOWDEN,  
69 Albert Street, NW1,  
December 5.

## Blood alcohol test

From Dr Robin Moffat, Sir, Forensic medical practitioners, and police surgeons in particular, will welcome the law lords' timely ruling (Law Report, December 9) that evidence obtained from the back-calculation of blood alcohol was not barred by statute, and was admissible when there was clear evidence that a driver was over the limit.

The expressed concern of the British Medical Association is understandable because the concentration of alcohol in the blood does not descend evenly, but varies, depending upon an individual's physiology, height, and weight. However, competent forensic scientists always allow for these factors, and the evidential figure produced in court is always inclined in favour of the defendant.

Many intoxicated motorists (especially re-offenders), when arrested, try every trick in the book to delay the sampling of their blood or urine. The House of Lords' decision will assist law-enforcement and will save innocent lives by removing some of the most dangerous drivers from the public highway.

I am, Sir, yours truly,  
ROBIN MOFFAT (Senior forensic medical examiner, Metropolitan Police),  
10 Harley Street, W1,  
December 12.

nelik acknowledged the Italian occupation of Eritrea by sending a consul to Asmara.

When Ethiopia annexed Eritrea in 1962 — in defiance of the United Nations — they did so from self-interest. Eritrea has two good ports, whilst Ethiopia is landlocked, and possessed important natural resources, including oil, which were not known to be available in Ethiopia at the time. In 1962, of course, Ethiopia was a capitalist state — a fact the Ambassador ignores.

Finally, the Ambassador must have been misinformed about the use of children in his country's army. No doubt Andrew Buckoke (report, November 22) saw many of them when he was in Eritrea recently. I have also seen hundreds of Ethiopian prisoners of war who were under military age during visits to Eritrea in the last 10 years. Some had only been 12 or 13 when recruited. Many other journalists and other visitors to Eritrea have also reported on the child conscripts.

Yours faithfully,  
MARY DINES,  
48 Brownlow Road, N11.

## Status of Eritrea

From Ms Mary Dines, Sir, I am afraid that the Ethiopian Ambassador's letter about the status of Eritrea (December 1) was very economical with the truth. Eritrea was never part of Ethiopia.

Before modern times, parts of the country were occupied by foreign powers, especially the Ottoman Empire. Its only connection with Abyssinia at that time was that some Eritrean chiefs paid tribute to the Tigrajan kings. At no time was there any administration or control of territory by the Abyssinians.

Eritrea was not therefore stolen from Abyssinia by the Italians. It was ceded to Italy as part of the Treaty of Berlin, under which the European powers carved up Africa into European colonies.

Abyssinia was the only African country to take part in what became known as the "scramble for Africa". With the help of European arms, Menelik was able to embark on a conquest of the states to the south of Shoa, then part of a loose-knit Oromo confederation. These people were subjugated with great cruelty. Me-

were disappointed that the important contributions to the knowledge on sudden infant death (£3 million allocated to over 100 projects) was not acknowledged by the Social Services Committee.

We welcome the recommendation that there should be further research into sudden infant death syndrome. Cot deaths are the most common kind of death in the one-week to two-year age group and

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## Racism revived by 'glasnost'

From Mrs Zaruhi Nalbandyan, Sir, I was married in 1983 and came to this country in 1985, the intervening two years being taken up by documentation in getting out of Russia. I am Armenian and spent all my life, apart from the last three years, in Baku, Azerbaijan. I taught Russian, Armenian, and Azerbaijani in a multicultural school.

From childhood we were taught the concept of internationalism, and so living in that part of the USSR we were unaware of the differences between nations and races. Earlier, although subject to Marxism, it was made clear to us that we were different races, albeit working harmoniously together.

Now, however, under the new regime of *perestroika* and *glasnost*, with relaxed control from the Kremlin, the old racial and religious differences are reasserting themselves. The inference here is obvious — that Marx and Engels, conceiving as they did that man is merely an economic animal, overlooked his racial and religious motivations.

The above is perhaps the greatest weakness in the communist system. Thus, given a free or relaxed system, both racial and religious convictions are bound to assert themselves. It is commonly thought that racism or religious consciousness is the product of dictatorial or oppressive regimes, e.g., national socialist Germany or apartheid South Africa, yet here we have the reverse effect — relaxation has in fact reawakened both.

Yours faithfully,  
ZARUHI NALBANDYAN,  
65 Laburnum Road,  
Fareham, Hampshire,  
December 8.

## A plaque for Pound?

From Dr Alastair Niven and others, Sir, It has come to our attention that the London Advisory Committee of English Heritage has decided to make a decision on a proposal to put up a blue plaque to Ezra Pound on the house where he lived in Kensington Church Walk from 1909 to 1914.

Pound enlarged the scope of the English language. As Donald Davis has written, Dryden and Keats and, yes, Shakespeare are the appropriate fellows for this post of our time who magnanimously lent his energies to the language that we all share, rather than bending that language to his own egotistical purposes.

Also, by his generosity of spirit, during the period that he lived in London, Pound had an enormous and beneficial influence on the development of the arts in England. We should be able to dissociate his later political excesses from what is of permanent value in his work.

We, the undersigned, therefore ask English Heritage to reconsider this proposal with the urgency and sympathy which it merits.

Yours faithfully,  
ALASTAIR NIVEN (Director of Libraries, Arts Council of Great Britain),  
MICHAEL ALEXANDER, GEORGE BARKER,  
WILLIAM BENDFORD, ANNE BRESFORD,  
ALAN BROWNE, WILLIAM COOKSON,  
PETER DALE, VALERIE ELIOT,  
D. J. ENRIGHT, GAVIN EWART,  
ROY FULLER, DAVID GASCOWNE,  
MICHAEL HAMBLING,  
IAN HAMILTON, SEAMUS HEANEY,  
JOHN HEATH-STUBBS,  
A. L. HENDRICKS, PETER JAY,  
ROLAND JOHN, P. J. KAVANAGH,  
LOTTE KRAMER, PETER LEVI,  
JOHN LOVEDAY, JEAN McVEAN,  
DEREK MAHON,  
W. MOELWYN MERCHANT,  
W. S. MILNE, PETER PORTER,  
F. T. PRINCE, CRAIG RAINE,  
KATHLEEN RAINE, DAPHNE RAINE,  
JEREMY REED, PETER RUSSELL,  
MICHAEL SCHWARTZ, TOM SCOTT,  
RON SILKIN, CLIFFORD SMOGSON,  
C. H. SISON, STEPHEN SPENDER,  
CHARLES TOMLINSON,  
5 Cranbourne Court,  
Albert Bridge Road, SW11,  
December 12.

## Insurance conundrum

From Mr Andrew Patrick, Sir, There was wide publicity last week (Saleroom, December 10) for the record price paid for a picture by Peepoe at Christie's in Glasgow. The hammer price was £460,000; the invoice to the purchaser was £512,900.

The vendor will receive from the auctioneers about £410,000. However, he will then receive a bill for capital gains tax of some £200,000. My conundrum is, how should the owners of such pictures decide on the value for insurance?

Yours,  
ANDREW PATRICK,  
148 New Bond Street, W1,  
December 12.

## Ys and wherefore

From Dr N. M. Woods, Sir, Miss M. V. Perrin (December 5) enquires about an internationally-known alphabet that could be printed in the telephone code book. May I suggest the phonetic alphabet commonly in use by radio amateurs: "A" for alpha, "B" for bravo, and so on. This alphabet is extremely useful when communications are subject to interference.

I prefer the Morse code, but that is another matter!  
Yours faithfully,  
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## COURT AND SOCIAL

### COURT CIRCULAR

**BUCKINGHAM PALACE**  
December 14: Mr A.D. Brighty was received in audience by The Queen and kissed hands upon his appointment as Her Majesty's Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to Havana.

His Excellency Señor Jorge Eduardo Navarrete and Señora Navarrete were received in audience by The Queen and took leave upon His Majesty's Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary from Mexico to the Court of St James's.

The Queen, Patron, this afternoon visited Susan Mary College, University of London, and was received on arrival by the Mayor of Tower Hamlets (Councillor Barrie Duffey) and the Principal of the College (Professor Ian Butterworth).

Her Majesty opened and toured the new College Library, escorted by the Librarian (Mr A. Quinsee), and unveiled a commemorative plaque.

Lady Susan Hussey, Mr Kenneth Scott and Lieutenant-Colonel Blair Stewart-Wilson were in attendance.

The Duchess of York this morning attended the 15th presentation of the Woman's Own Children of Courage Awards at Westminster Abbey.

Her Royal Highness was received on arrival by the Dean (the Very Reverend Michael Mayne).

Mrs John Floyd and Captain William McLean were in attendance.

**CLARENCE HOUSE**  
December 14: Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother today honoured the Chairman of Trafalgar House (Sir Nigel Brookes) with her presence at luncheon on board the Queen Elizabeth 2 at Southampton to mark the 50th Anniversary of the launching of the Queen Elizabeth.

Lady Elizabeth Basset, Sir Martin Gilliat and Captain Giles Bassett were in attendance.

**KENSINGTON PALACE**  
December 14: The Prince of

Wales arrived at Bridgford this morning on the Royal Train. The Prince of Wales, President, Business in the Community, attended the launch of the Wales Business in the Community in Bridgford, Mid-Glamorgan.

Subsequently His Royal Highness, Chairman, The Prince of Wales' Committee, presented The Prince of Wales' Awards for 1988 at the Taliesin Arts Centre, University College of Swansea.

Afterwards The Prince of Wales opened AB Electronics Products Group's new Microelectronics Factory at Edmonstone, Taff Ely, Mid-Glamorgan.

His Royal Highness, attended by Mr C.J. Cheek, travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight.

**KENSINGTON PALACE**  
December 14: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, was present this evening at a Gala performance by the North-East Theatre, of which The Princess is Patron, held at the Denham Centre, Northampton, in aid of the Northamptonshire Foot Health Centre.

Her Royal Highness was received on arrival by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for the County of Northamptonshire (Mr John Lowther).

The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, who is Patron of the Queen's Flight, was attended by Lady Aird.

**KENSINGTON PALACE**  
December 14: The Duke and Duchess of Gloucester arrived at Heathrow Airport, London, this morning at the conclusion of their visit to Kenya.

Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Simon Bland and Mrs Euan McCorquodale were in attendance.

**THATCHER HOUSE LODGE**  
December 14: Princess Alexandra, Patron, this afternoon visited St Christopher's Hospice, Sydenham, London SE26.

In the evening, Princess Alexandra attended "A Celebration of Christmas", a concert of music and verse held in aid of The New Bridge, of which Her Royal Highness is Patron, at St Martin-in-the-Fields.

Mrs Peter Aiba was in attendance.

### Birthdays today

Mr David Abell, chairman and chief executive, Suter, 46; Lord Acton, 81; Miss Valerie Aggett, principal, Holborn Law Tutors, 38; Sir Denis Barnes, civil servant, 74; Mr Michael Bogdanov, theatre director, 50; Mr Clive Brittain, racehorse trainer, 55; Lord Croham, 71; Lord Dunsford, 73; Air Marshal Sir John Fitzpatrick, 59; Miss Ida Haendel, violinist, 64; Mr Gunnar Hagglöf, Swedish diplomat, 64; Sir Henry Harcourt, civil servant, 83; Mr Jon Jordan, footballer, 37; General Sir Frank Kitzin, 62; Deaconess Dr Urs Kroll, writer and broadcaster, 63; Mr David McMurray, headmaster, Oundle School, 51; Mr Oscar Niemeyer, architect, 81; Miss Edna O'Brien, writer, 52; Professor M.H.F. Wilkins, biophysicist, 72.

### Today's royal engagements

The Princess of Wales will open the Norman and Sadie Lee Research Centre at the National Institute of Medical Research, Mill Hill, at 10.30, and will attend a carol concert in aid of the Cancer Relief Macmillan Fund in Westminster Abbey at 6.40.

The Princess Royal will attend the fortieth anniversary dinner and dance of the Sports Writers' Association of Great Britain at the Wembley Conference Centre at 7.15.

### Latest wills

Sir Alec Arnold Constantine Isagonis, of Edgborough, Birmingham, car designer, left estate valued at £99,563 net.

### Judge retires

Mr Justice Laty will retire from the High Court bench, Family Division, on January 10.

## Forthcoming marriages

**Mr J. Beatson-Hird and Miss S. Starkey**  
The engagement is announced between Jonathan, younger son of Dr and Mrs John Beatson-Hird, of Oldwell, Ashton-under-Lyne, Greater Manchester, and Suzanne, eldest daughter of Sir John and Lady Starkey, Norwood Park, Southwell, Nottinghamshire.

**Mr P.J. Ashman and Miss E.E. Norris**  
The engagement is announced between Philip, son of Mr and Mrs C.A. Ashman, of Holbrook, Suffolk, and Elizabeth, daughter of Mr and Mrs A.E. Norris, of Burgess Hill, West Sussex.

**Mr M.G. G.A. McMurtry and Miss C.J. Cheek**  
The engagement is announced between Nigel, elder son of Mr and Mrs C.J. Cheek, of Henleaze, Bristol, and Georgina (Ginny), eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs D.B. McMurtry, of Cobthorne, Oxford.

**Mr J.P. Houghton and Miss C.F. St Johnston**  
The engagement is announced between Jonathan, youngest son of Surgeon Rear Admiral and Mrs J.M. Houghton, of Chagford, Devon, and Camilla, daughter of Lieutenant-Colonel and Mrs C.F. St Johnston, of Roborough, Devon.

**Mr D.W. Terry and Miss P.A. Reeves**  
The engagement is announced between Douglas, only son of Mr R. Terry, of Winchester, and of Mrs M. Jervis, of Chandler's Ford, Hampshire, and Philippa, daughter of Mrs P.A. Reeves and the late Mr J.F. Reeves, of Birstall, Leicestershire.

**Mr T.M. Voorswyck and Miss L.M. Macdonald**  
The engagement is announced between Tristan, youngest son of Mr T.M. Voorswyck, of Folkestone, Kent, and Lucinda Mary, daughter of Mr and Mrs J.F. Macdonald, of Carlisle, Cumbria.

**Mr C.H. Whiddell and Miss J.M. Hayes**  
The engagement is announced between Howard, younger son of Mr C.H. Whiddell, of Solihull, Warwickshire, and Joanna Mary, daughter of Mr and Mrs D.L. Hayes, of Hagley, Worcestershire.

**Mr S.P.G. Padley and Miss K.J. Gill**  
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## Marriages

**Mr C. Crombie and Mrs V. Pauli**  
The marriage took place quietly on December 10, at St Andrew's Church, Headington, Oxford, between Mr Charles Crombie and Miss Vivienne Pauli.

**Mr J.P. Fuller and Miss E.L. Quinn**  
The marriage took place at The Temple Church on December 10, 1988, between Mr Jonathan Fuller and Miss Eileen Quinn. The Master of the Temple officiated, assisted by Father Anthony Nye, SJ.

The bride was attended by Freddie Russell-Fint, Angus Buchanan, Antonia du Boisboudry and Jessica Russell-Fint. Mr Edward de Courcy Bryant was best man.

The reception was held at The Old Hall, Lincoln's Inn and the honeymoon will be spent abroad.

**Mr T.R. Newton and Miss C.G. Sandell**  
The marriage took place on Saturday, December 10, 1988, at the Church of St Mary the Virgin, Ashley, of Mr Thomas Newton, son of Mr and Mrs Dezzil Newton, of Braunston, Leicestershire, and Miss Camilla Sandell, daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael Sandell, of Sutton Bassett, Leicestershire.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Laura and Georgina Cole, Maude and Max Johnson, and Berrie Heyman. Mr John James was best man.

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## OBITUARIES

### MAJ-GEN R. E. URQUHART

#### Gallant commander in forlorn Arnhem battle



This piecemeal arrival proved particularly unfortunate because the Germans had captured the plans of the entire operation on the body of an American soldier shot down in a glider.

Only one parachute company, with a few supporting arms, ever succeeded in reaching the north end of the bridge.

It had originally been intended that the ground forces should break through to Urquhart's relief within 48 hours. By almost superhuman efforts he held out for no less than nine days without relief, and then he was ordered to retire.

Of more than 18,000 officers and men of his division who landed at Arnhem, only 2,613 returned, and more than 1,200 died there. Five awards of the Victoria Cross were made.

After Arnhem the First Airborne Division landed in Norway to make prisoner the German garrison and take back King Haakon. But the division was never completely reformed and Urquhart gave up the command in November 1945 when it was finally broken up.

For 14 months, while the Territorial Army was being reconstituted after the war, Urquhart was its Director General.

From 1950 he commanded the 17th Gurkha Division in Malaya and was later appointed GOC Malaya. In 1952 he was transferred to Austria as GOC-in-C British Troops, on the completion of his term of duty in 1955, he retired from the Army.

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Urquhart was appointed Colonel of the Highland Light Infantry in 1954 but, in 1957, his resignation was called for by the Secretary of State for War because of a disagreement with the Army Council about whether the kilt or the tunic should be worn by the new regiment formed by the amalgamation of the Highland Light Infantry and the Royal Scots Fusiliers.

Feeling run high in the two regiments, but eventually Urquhart and the Colonel of the RSF negotiated a settlement that the kilt should be adopted and that the tunic should be the Dress Ensign.

They were supported by the Lord Lyon King of Arms, but even this formidable reinforcement failed to shake the Army Council's determination to have the new regiment in tunic, and both Urquhart and his fellow Colonel had to go.

Quite recently he had participated in a controversial episode of a different sort when he and two fellow Arnhem men, General Sir John Hackay and Major-General Sir John Frost, deputed a plan to instal a memorial window to the "Lonsdale Force" in Oosterbeek church, in the Arnhem battle zone, on the grounds that it conferred undue celebrity on the commander of that force (who died last month) at the expense of so many others who had endured so heroically.

He married, in 1939, Pamela, daughter of Brigadier W. E. H. Condon, Indian Army, and had one son and three daughters.

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## BOOKS

## A brief candle

Peter Ackroyd on the life and vanishing fame of a professional writer of middling talent, who never quite made it to major

Oblivion is a peculiar thing. Some writers, who do not merit it at all, receive it almost as soon as they are dead; some even seem to recognize their fate in advance, and remain modest or melancholy, sensing that whatever success they enjoy will not last. Joyce Cary has just escaped this fate — but only just. He is at least still in print, and here is a biography 20 years after his death. Already the reviewers are saying that he is "undervalued" — of course he is, but that makes very little difference since few people will be reading his novels in future years, and I suspect that this substantial and meticulous biography will convert only the already converted.

The lack of attention really is a mystery in Cary's case, since he had all the makings of a "major writer". He was of Anglo-Irish descent, and Brendan Behan's remark that an Anglo-Irishman is "a Protestant on a horse" might have been coined for Joyce Cary himself (the peculiar Christian name, by the way, is simply his mother's surname — indicating, among other things, that James Joyce was a distant kinsman). Certainly he liked at times to think of himself as a "man of action", but he possessed also that lean, quizzical, and slightly haunted look that seems so characteristic of the Anglo-Irish.

He attended Clifton College, where the Christian and imperial ethic was hammered into him; but at first he wanted to be an artist, and he studied both in Paris and in Edinburgh. At Oxford University he led a suitably unhappy and undistinguished life, and it is really only when he volunteered for the Red Cross during the First Balkan War that he first comes to life in this book — striding into danger as he did and, indeed, seeming to relish the situation. Even then he had dreams of becoming a writer, but other demands exerted their toll, and instead, he became a junior administrator in northern Nigeria. There were times when he hated the solitude and dreary monotony of this raw

colonial life, but the business of making maps, building roads, and constructing bridges seemed to console him. He had in any case left a wife and child in England, and he needed the money to support this exiled family. Any yet, and yet... he wanted to be a writer. It is the same familiar but terrible story of ambitions thwarted and gifts unemployed — "I can't do anything, I don't believe — sometimes I don't believe that I ever will do anything."

Eventually in 1920 he returned to England and, at the age of 31, he finally embarked upon the perilous career of the professional writer. It was in fact the right time: he was of an appropriate age to begin, and his experiences in Africa could only serve to extend and deepen the range of his imagination.

Nevertheless he did not succeed at first, and the battle financially to survive was matched only by his struggle to find an appropriate voice and form. Even some years after he began seriously to write, Cary suffered the same lack of confidence together with the same muddled aspirations.

Even his process of composition seems chaotic in the extreme — he worked on different novels at the same time. At first his writing was too much in the head — he had read widely from Hegel to Stuart Mill as if in preparation for some great intellectual rather than creative adventure, and for him the art of fiction was always a matter of theme rather than of plot, of meaning rather than of story.

His prose style was distinct, therefore, without being wholly distinctive. And in that sense this modest and competent biography gives a proper measure of the man as he approached middle age. One reads it with interest, but at no point does the life of Joyce Cary suggest anything other than a writer of talent finding his way through the world. Of course there are moments of sudden and unpredictable behaviour — his decision to go to the front during the Balkan War being one — and it is



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clear that he had a fascination with violence and conflict which in turn suggests a wish for self-forgetfulness, for the temporary abeyance of those internal conflicts which his biographer describes as his "duality".

He began to achieve success in the mid-Thirties (just as he was about to enter his own 50s). The trilogy, *Herself Surprised*, *To be a Pilgrim*, and *The Horse's Mouth* brought him his first real fame. But still he did not seem able to curb his restless energy and his nervous straining towards "significance", even while he was writing novels he was composing political pamphlets, working on film-scripts, and taking extended trips over the world. All these things detracted from his creative development, and there is nothing more indicative of the man than the almost self-

congratulatory description of "my tons of unfinished and unpublished MSS". There seems to be a sense in which he did not know what kind of writer he wanted to be.

That is why even at the end of this well-documented biography the personality of Joyce Cary seems blurred, out of focus. If he emerges at all, it is in a curiously unsympathetic light. Either he seemed to do what was expected of him, whether as a typical young "Bohemian" in Paris or as a colonial administrator in Nigeria, or he did what he thought he expected of himself. So he seems always to be taking on roles, starting them and then breaking off just as he did with his own written works. In fact it is his death, greeted by him with fortitude and serenity, which provides the most moving and somehow most genuine passage of his life. How doubly sad, therefore, that this should herald the end of Joyce Cary's fame.

## Playful poet: manic despair

POETRY

Robert Nye

APRIL GALLEONS

By John Ashbery  
Carcaret, £8.95

A poem by John Ashbery is like a home full of rooms and the rooms full of fashionable furniture and the furniture all breaking or disappearing as the reader-visitor tries to sit on it only to find himself deposited through a trapdoor or a time-war into another room in perhaps a different house, yet with the same charmingly pointless world view out of the window. Tricks and traps, mirrors and echoes, images that are ghosts of images that have gone before, jokes and games, illusions, allusions: it all comes crowding together in such a parade of unmitigated American High Camp that one can well believe that there are those who find the guy unreadable. This could be considered a pity. Whatever else he might be, Ashbery is a consistently funny writer, his best line the pater of a magician desperate to tell himself how he does it:

Let's start in the middle, as usual. Ever since I burnt my mouth I talk two ways: first as reluctant explainer, then as someone offstage. In a dream, hushing those who might wake you from this dream. Imperfectly got up as a humanist...

That lutanist demonstrates his imperfections rather too frequently in the title piece and some of the other "typical" efforts collected in April Galleons — but the reluctant explainer is as hypnotizingly plausible as ever. Ashbery's work intrigues because it concentrates a playfully profound imagination upon the whole problem of meaning and identity, and comes up with no answers, only alternative questions in the form of verse that in a sense replaces the joys and anxieties that inspired it.

He has been compared with Wallace Stevens, hailed even as a "philosophical" thinker. I regard this as a serious misrepresentation of his gifts. An English reader of this most brilliant and eccentric of living and working American poets is more likely to be reminded of Edward Lear: there is a similar manic despair informing Ashbery's flights of fancy, though

he doesn't have anything like the Victorian's ear.

It would be hard to imagine a world further removed from Ashbery's than that which provides the subject for investigation in Stanley Cook's *Selected Poems 1972-86* (Littlewood Press, £3). I first noticed Cook's merits some 16 years ago when he published a pamphlet called *Form Photograph* in the front of which he observed that as a schoolteacher for many years he had discovered that he was teaching the same children all the time, only they passed themselves off under different names. That might sound obvious, as does his claim that he is simply writing down accurately what he has observed; but listen to this: "Of course you have observed inaccurately and the inaccurate recording of the distinctive inaccuracies of which you are unaware is the theme of your poems."

When I read that, I sat up and took notice, and it's good to be able to report that Cook's subsequent work seems if anything to be even more interesting, since in addition to concentrating on the differences between one 12-year-old bit of human kind and another he is now also raising his eyes to the skyline and writing poems about everything he sees — the landscape and the people of his own particular Northern English patch. I only wish that he would eschew the prospect of some of his longer pieces, and write more often in the formal measure he employs so well in "Privet Hedge".

The privet looks over the real wall  
Like children for toys left out in the street  
For people passing or workmen to watch  
When their game in the garden grows too small.

Saturday Books Page: Ardagh on France, portraits by Roy Jenkins, crime, paperbacks

## NEW BOOKS

The Literary Editor's selection of novels of the year (alphabetically):  
A Far Cry from Kinsale, by Muriel Spark (Constable, £9.95)  
An Adversary, by Alexander Theroux (Hamish Hamilton, £12.95)  
Difficulties with Girls, by Kingsley Amis (Hutchinson, £11.95)  
Interior, by Julian Carrwright (Hamish Hamilton, £11.95)  
King Ludd, by Andrew Sinclair (Hodder & Stoughton, £11.95)  
Latecomers, by Anita Brookner (Cape, £10.95)  
Leader of the Band, by Fay Weldon (Hodder & Stoughton, £10.95)  
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Loving and Giving, by Molly Keane (André Deutsch, £10.95)  
Mother London, by Michael Moorcock (Secker & Warburg, £9.95)  
Nice Work, by David Lodge (Secker & Warburg, £10.95)  
Oscar and Lucinda, by Peter Carey (Faber, £10.95)  
Out of this World, by Graham Swift (Viking, £10.95)  
S., by John Updike (André Deutsch, £10.95)  
Second Fiddle, by Mary Wesley (Macmillan, £10.95)  
The Beginning of Spring, by Penelope Fitzgerald (Heinemann, £10.95)  
The Bonfire of the Vanities, by Tom Wolfe (Cape, £12.95)  
The Fifth Child, by Doris Lessing (Cape, £9.95)  
The Lost Father, by Marina Warner (Chatto & Windus, £11.95)  
The Lyne of Orpheus, by Robertson Davies (Viking, £11.95)  
The Socratic Verses, by Salman Rushdie (Viking, £12.95)  
The Truth about Lavin Jones, by Alison Lurie (Michael Joseph, £11.95)  
The Woman who was God, by Francis King (Hutchinson, £10.95)  
Utz, by Bruce Chatwin (Cape, £9.95)  
Who Killed Palomino Molero?, by Mario Vargas Llosa (Faber, £9.95)

Any historical work with a subtitle like *The Untold Story* is apt to be suspect; and when it is added to a main title that is as all embracing as *WORLD WAR II*, it becomes a contradiction in terms if the book is only 300 pages long. There is always the possibility that the author has unearthed some large nugget of new evidence that overturns the generally accepted view of events; but the suspicion is that he or his publisher is using journalistic licence for publicity purposes.

Philip Warner has, indeed, picked up a potentially valuable nugget, which has been lying uncovered, and ready for a revisionist historian to grasp, ever since the publication earlier this year of the last volume of Professor Sir Harry Hinsley's official history of *British Intelligence in the Second World War*. As Warner says in his introduction, the disclosure of Ultra in 1974 made every previous history out of date. There is an obvious gap in the market that could be exploited by any author who could make full use of the new intelligence evidence now available by writing a revised short history of the war.

Philip Warner looks just the man for the job. He is an experienced military writer with some 18 titles under his belt. But he has set himself the immense, if not impossible, task of spanning the whole of the five-year struggle from the Atlantic to the Pacific in one modest volume. In trying to crystallize the events into his

## Very little light

William Jackson

WORLD WAR II  
The Untold Story  
By Philip Warner  
The Bodley Head, £12.95

limited space, while at the same time adding the new intelligence gloss, he has made the campaigns almost unrecognizable, and his accounts of them are marred by glaring omissions and unfortunate inaccuracies.

If a Staff College instructor were to mark his work, his comments would be: "Concept excellent; execution fair." He would then add, "I see in your bibliography no reference to the readily available British, American, and Dominion official histories, which are basic to your study." What seems to have let Warner down is his failure to appreciate that, in writing the *Intelligence History*, Professor Hinsley's team gave only an outline of operational events to avoid duplication with the *Grand Strategy* and *Theatre* series of the

British official histories. All three have to be read together, if a new and credible short history of the war is to be written.

There is another factor that militates against any startling revelations by revisionists like Philip Warner. The radical changes, which the new intelligence data make necessary in earlier accounts of the war, are far fewer than might be expected, because the authors of the operational official histories had full access to the actual intelligence summaries available to commanders at the time. The phrase "from higher sources" was the coded reference to Ultra. It is hardly surprising, therefore, that he has been hard put to it to justify the subtitle to his book — there is not much untold still to tell.

The best parts of Warner's book are his descriptions of the conditions under which the civilian populations, as well as the military, played their parts. Being a young man at the time, he has been able to recreate the atmosphere of those days: the phoney war, the London blitz, the V-1 and V-2 onslaughts, the convoys at sea, and the feel of the battles on land, sea, and in the air. But he misses the effect of the intelligence histories on the controversial issues of the war.

In short, Philip Warner has produced a plausible and easily read book, but he has made little or no contribution to a fresh understanding of the Second World War.

It's hard to imagine a more thoughtful present.

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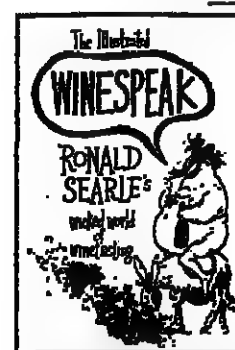
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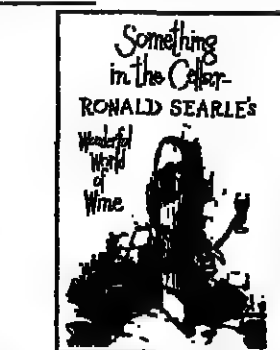
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**BOOKING KEY**  
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THEATRE  
LONDON

★ **BLOOD BROTHERS:** Willy Russell's sentimental musical: separated twins destroyed by the English class system; Keri Deas as their mother. Albery Theatre, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (01-897 1115). Tube: Leicester Square. Mon-Sat 7.45-10.45pm, mat 2.30-5.15pm, Sun 2.45-5.15pm, Sat 7.45-10.45pm, mat 2.30-5.15pm, Sun 2.45-5.15pm.

★ **EAST VIRTUE:** Attractive revival of Noel Coward's 1929 play, with Jane How scolding her husband's philandering. Savoy Theatre, Strand, WC2 (01-836 8888). Tube: Charing Cross. Mon-Sat 8.10-10.30pm, mat 2.30-5.15pm, Sun 2.45-5.15pm.

★ **ELECTRA:** Ibsen's play as the fierce daughter in Sophocles' drama of maternal killing. The Pit, Barbican Centre, EC2 (01-888 8891). Tube: Barbican. Mon-Sat 7.30pm, Sun 2.30pm. In repertory. Even 8.30, mat 2.30.

★ **SUGAR BABIES:** Mickey Rooney and Ann Miller star in nostalgic show about popular Broadway. Dirty talk and high kicks. Savoy Theatre, Strand, WC2 (01-836 8888). Tube: Charing Cross. Mon-Sat 8.10-10.30pm, mat 2.30-5.15pm, Sun 2.45-5.15pm.

★ **THE WOMAN IN WHITE:** Sue Dunsford's production of the classic Victorian thriller. Michael Byrne as sinister Count Fosco and Helena Bonham-Carter in her stage debut. Greenwich Theatre, Crooms Hill, SE10 (01-858 7759). Train: Greenwich BR (15 mins from Charing Cross). Mon-Sat 7.45-10pm, mat 2.30-4.45pm, Sun 2.30-5.15pm.

★ **LONG RUNNERS:** A Beyond Reasonable Doubt Cusack Theatre (01-734 1189). ... ★ **Case: New London Theatre** (01-434 0072). ... ★ **Fellows: Shaftesbury Theatre** (01-379 5399). ... ★ **42nd Street: Drury Lane Theatre** (01-363 8108). ... ★ **Les Liaisons Dangereuses: Ambassadors Theatre** (01-836 6111). ... ★ **My Girl: Adelphi Theatre** (01-240 7913). ... ★ **Les Misérables: Palace Theatre** (01-434 0092). ... ★ **The Mousetrap: St Martin's Theatre** (01-363 1443). ... ★ **The Phantom of the Opera: Her Majesty's Theatre** (01-839 2344). ... ★ **Run for your life: Criterion Theatre** (01-567 1117). ... ★ **Starlight Express: Apollo Victoria** (01-828 8865).

## OUT OF TOWN

★ **CRYSTAL:** ★ **Releaser Dekker:** Vince Foster plays the old comedy for Christmas: drag acts and brewers meet their just deserts. Warehouse Theatre, Dingwall Road (01-800 4050). Tues-Sat 8pm, mat Sun 5pm, Sun 2.30pm.

★ **MANCHESTER:** ★ **The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn:** Musical version by Roger Haines with Paul Ryan as the first boy-hero to smoke a pipe. Library Theatre, St Peter's Square (061 236 7110). Mon-Sat 7.30pm, Fri and Sat even 7pm, Sun 2.30pm.

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## Squeezing into stardom



The celebrity who opens the Circus exhibition at the Theatre Museum in Covent Garden today will make a big impression... with her name. The museum's corridor of fame features the painted handprints of the theatrically famous, but if Rani the elephant were to contribute a footprint, it would obliterate several stars. So to squeeze in, between Dame Peggy Ashcroft and Sir John Gielgud, Rani will make her mark with her trunk. Rani, who will be appearing with Gerry Cottle's Circus at Wembley from Christmas Eve, was given clearance for her central London appearance because of an impeccable record of public performances, which includes appearing at a Labour Party rally with Ken Livingstone, and opening more church fetes than the cast of *Endgame*. The exhibition she opens today is replete with circus memorabilia, including Bertram Mills' posters, Ringling Brothers' prints, sealions' horn sets, clowns' costumes and pictures of equestrian exercises from the Cirque Olympique (left), a French circus of the 1860s. Theatre Museum, Covent Garden WC1 (01-589 6371), is open 11am to 7pm Tuesday to Sunday (closed Monday). Admission £2.25, children aged 5 to 14 and OAPs £1.25, children under five free. On December 31 and January 1, children will be admitted free. Until April 2.

★ **STATUS QUO:** Pop-rock lunkheads who have given the noble art of boogie an awfully bad name. NEC, Birmingham (021 750 4133) 8pm, £2-10.

## JAZZ

★ **SAXES UNLIMITED:** Inspired by Med Flory's American band Supersax, the new piece re-creates the music of Charlie Parker and Duke Ellington. The Laidback Theatre, Manchester (0161 821 6625) doors open 8.30pm, £3.

## BEST SELLING BOOKS

For the week ending December 10

FICTION

1. *Chances and Luckies*, Peter Carey... Faber £10.95

2. *The Satanic Verses*, Salman Rushdie... Viking £12.95

3. *The Bonfire of the Vanities*, Tom Wolfe... Cape £12.95

4. *A Twist in the Tale*, Jeffrey Archer... Hodder £8.95

5. *The Edge*, Dick Francis... Michael Joseph £11.95

## ROCK

★ **THE PEARL FISHERS:** Philip Prowse designs and directs his successful Bizet production first seen at English National Opera. Arne Dawson and Arthur Davies lead the cast. Grand Theatre, Leeds, (0532 459351), 7.15-9.45pm, £4-21.75.

## CONCERTS

★ **MESSIAH CONTINUES:** In a further instalment of her Messiah organ series, organist John Butt plays the Royal Festival Hall, South Kensington, London SW1 (01-898 8800), 5.55-6.55pm, £4.50.

## FILMS

★ **GOOD MORNING, VIETNAM** (15): Robin Williams in a military comedy about a DJ sent to Vietnam to keep up the morale of the troops. Directed by Barry Levinson (121 min). Cannon Film (01-370 2636). Progs 2.10, 6.05, 9.15.

## CONCISE CROSSWORD NO 1746

ACROSS

1 Principled (10)

8 Barbed dog (7)

9 Appellation (5)

10 Bargain (4)

11 Serious, thoughtful (8)

13 Thin, weakly (5)

14 Cringingly flatters (5)

16 Improving (8)

18 Increase (4)

21 Gain knowledge (5)

22 Tender void (7)

23 Unswerving incant (4,6)

DOWN

1 Antagonistic (7)

2 Not any (4)

3 Not meant (13)

4 Heroic burning (4-2-2)

5 House-housy (5)

6 Sacred wader (4)

7 Against (6)

SOLUTION TO NO 1745

ACROSS: 3 Guts 5 Shot 8 Scour 10 Espionage 11 Debag 12 Of 13 Sheer 14 Freedom 16 Pioneer 18 Fumed 20 Arc 22 Abyss 23 Carpenter 24 Druse 25 Yoke 26 Less

DOWN: 1 Asides 2 Sombre 3 Gregor Mendel 4 Tip-off 6 Haul 7 Thee 9 House of cards 15 Dummy run 16 Plucky 17 Rancid 19 Dealer 21 Grab

## WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 24

MISSAL

(a) A view, especially one made in two parts, from the Old French *missal* meaning "this piece, called the missal, being generally known in England as the vestment or view, was pierced for both sight and breathing."

FISHTAIL

(a) To swing a car, motorcycle, etc. from side to side at the rear, as some fish waggle their tails for propulsion. "Catching his rear wheels to spin or the rear end in a fish-tail that is swung back and forth."

MEATY

(a) A former word, a kind of adjective, meaning "fleshy, meaty, or meaty in character, especially half-meaty; meaty is a system of land tenure in Western Europe and the United States from the medieval Latin *carneus* half-shield." "The system of land tenure in Western Europe and the United States from the medieval Latin *carneus* half-shield."

## WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene, Chess Correspondent

The above position is taken from the game between Staunton (White) and Harrison (Black), played in London 1840. White, to move, wins. The winning move will be given in tomorrow's Times.

Solution to yesterday's position: Black wins with 1 Ne1+, since if 2 Nxc6 Rf1+ 3 Bg1 Bf3 mates.

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## TELEVISION AND RADIO

Compiled by Peter Dear  
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## BBC1

- 6.00** *Coffee AM*. News headlines, weather, travel and sports bulletins.
- 6.30** *Leon Errol in Truth Aches* (H/T).
- 6.55** *Weather*.
- 7.00** *Breakfast Time* with John Stapleton and Sally Jones. Includes national and international news at 7.00, 7.30, 8.00 and 8.30; weather at 7.25, 7.55 and 8.25; regional news and travel reports at 7.27, 7.57 and 8.27. 8.55 Regional news and weather.
- 9.00** News and weather followed by *Open Air*. Susan Rife and Natalie Anglessey receive viewers' comments on yesterday's television programme. To contribute ring 051 814 024.
- 9.30** *Kinoy Robert*. Kinoy-Sik chairs a discussion on a topical subject.
- 10.00** News and weather followed by *Going for Gold*. Quiz series presented by Henry Kelly (7). 10.25 *Children's BBC* presented by Andy Crane begins with *Playbox* 10.50 *Paddlington* (7).
- 10.45** *Five to Eleven*. Tim Pigott-Smith with a reading.
- 1.00** News and weather followed by *Open Air*. Mavis Nicholson and Bob Westinghouse invite viewers to question the programme makers.
- 2.00** News and weather followed by *Daytime Live* with Alan Titchmarsh and Judi Spiers. Today's edition of the magazine series includes a guide to the new cinema releases. 12.55 Regional news and weather.
- 1.00** *One O'Clock News* with Philip Weather.
- 1.30** *Neighbours*. Megan receives an unwelcome reception; and Des has to cope with the biggest crisis of his life. 1.50 *Going for Gold*. European general knowledge quiz presented by Henry Kelly.
- 2.15** *A Year in the Life*. Episode two of the three-part series following a year in the life of the Gardeners, an American family, from one Christmas to the next.

## BBC2

- 9.00** *Coffee AM*. 1.25 *Little Misses* and the *Mister Men* (7). 1.40 *Northern Lights* (7). 1.45 *The First Night* (7).
- 9.00** News and weather followed by *One Man and His Dog*. The Young Handlers' championship (7). 2.45 *The Satal World*. Model steam engines (7). 2.55 *The Storyman*. The story of Bury St Edmunds (7).
- 3.00** News and weather followed by *Clash of the Bands*. The ancient Pictish city of Moine-Daro (7). 3.50 *News*, regional news and weather.
- 4.00** *Catchword* with Paul Cole.
- 4.30** *International Show Jumping*.
- 4.55** *Grow Big Quiz*. Gardening quiz. 5.35 *Country File* (7).
- 5.00** *Film: My Learned Friend* (1943, b/w) starring Will Hay and Claude Hulbert. Comedy drama about a crazed convict on the trail of a debauched barrister. Directed by Basil Dearden and Will Hay.
- 10.00** *Choir of the Year*. The final of the Sainsbury's Choir of the Year competition presented by Brian Kay from the Sutton Opera House.

## BBC2

- 9.00** *Open Space*. A documentary on post-racial depression.
- 9.30** *The Travel Show*. Guides presented by Penny Junor. This week Crete comes under the microscope.
- 9.50** *French and Saunders*. Dawn and Jennifer with another selection of comic sketches (7).
- 9.50** *40 Minutes: Mixed Blessings*. The story of two mothers who believed they were given each other's baby by mistake (7). (Censored)
- 10.10** *The Tracey Ullman Show*. Three comedy playlets.
- 10.30** *Newsnight* 11.15 *Weather*.
- 11.30** *Jazz 625*. In *Memphis* (7). *Charlie Parker* (b/w). A tribute to Charlie Parker by J. J. Johnson (trombone); Sonny Stitt (alto sax); Howard McGhee (trumpet); Walter Bishop (piano); Tommy Potter (bass); and Kenny Clarke (drums) (7).
- 12.00** *Newsnight* By-election Special. Live from the court at Waltham Abbey town hall as the voters of Epping elect their next MP. Ends at 1.30am.

## ITV LONDON

- 6.00** *TV-am* begins with News and The Morning Programme.
- 7.00** *Chin Ladders*. Word game.
- 8.00** *The Bat*. WPC Ackland spots something in a dead man's flat that leads to Sun Hill police officers investigating the man's murky past. (Oracle)
- 8.30** *This Week: Best Possible Go*. Hosted by Peter Gill reports from Hong Kong and Vietnam on the effects of the British Government's decision that "boat people" will not in future be automatically entitled to refugee status.
- 9.00** *The Explorer*. McCall is called in by a mother to help find her son who believes has been abducted by her ex-husband, a Frenchman.
- 10.00** *News at Ten* with Alastair Burnet and Carol Barnes. 10.30 *Thames news and weather*.
- 1.30** *Eye on the White House*. Continuing the story of the American television ABC's coverage of the United States Presidential election campaign. 2.00 *Richmond Hill*. Australian drama serial. 2.55 *Home Country*. Children's Choice (7).
- 3.00** *What's My Line?* Angela Ripston's guests are Jill Cooper, Henry O'Neil, Gary Mowl and Bonnie Warren. 3.55 *Thames news and weather*. 3.55 *Scenes and Daughters*. Australian family drama serial.
- 4.00** *Thames Ten*. *Think English and Friends* (7). 4.10 *The Ratles*. 4.20 *Dangerous*. Animated adventures of a secret service agent (7). (Oracle)
- 4.30** *Thames Ten*. *Think English and Friends* (7). 4.40 *The Ratles*. 4.50 *Dangerous*. Animated adventures of a secret service agent (7). (Oracle)
- 5.15** *Blackburners*. General knowledge quiz for viewers, presented by Bob Holmes.
- 5.45** *News with Alastair Stewart*.
- 6.00** *Thames news and weather*.
- 6.25** *Help with advice on avoiding income tax* for the year.
- 6.30** *Evening News*. Inland Revenue details give Sandle a shock.

## CHANNEL 4

- 12.00** *The Performance Programme*. Presented by Glyn Mathias and Alastair Stewart.
- 12.30** *Business Daily*. Financial and business news series.
- 1.00** *Sessions*. Series.
- 2.00** *Horses*. The fifth of six programmes tracing the role of the horse in the development of human civilization (7). (Oracle)
- 3.00** *Equus*. Highlights of the Grand American steeplechase.
- 4.00** *Not on Sunday*. Visits Sunderland and talks to priests and to Bishop David Johnson about working among the unemployed; explains how the protection of Salsbury is a live issue on both sides of the Atlantic; and discovers what it is like to be black, British and Christian.
- 4.30** *Fitness to One*. 5.00 *Scarecrow and Mrs King*. Amanda is asked to help find a letter that proves that a triple agent is really working for the United States.
- 5.00** *A Different World*. American college comedy series.

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- 12.00** *Newsnight*. 12.30 *Channel 4*. 12.55 *Newsnight*. 1.00 *Channel 4*. 1.30 *Newsnight*. 1.55 *Channel 4*. 2.00 *Channel 4*. 2.30 *Channel 4*. 2.55 *Channel 4*. 3.00 *Channel 4*. 3.30 *Channel 4*. 3.55 *Channel 4*. 4.00 *Channel 4*. 4.30 *Channel 4*. 4.55 *Channel 4*. 5.00 *Channel 4*. 5.30 *Channel 4*. 5.55 *Channel 4*. 6.00 *Channel 4*. 6.30 *Channel 4*. 6.55 *Channel 4*. 7.00 *Channel 4*. 7.30 *Channel 4*. 7.55 *Channel 4*. 8.00 *Channel 4*. 8.30 *Channel 4*. 8.55 *Channel 4*. 9.00 *Channel 4*. 9.30 *Channel 4*. 9.55 *Channel 4*. 10.00 *Channel 4*. 10.30 *Channel 4*. 10.55 *Channel 4*. 11.00 *Channel 4*. 11.30 *Channel 4*. 11.55 *Channel 4*. 12.00 *Channel 4*. 12.30 *Channel 4*. 12.55 *Channel 4*. 1.00 *Channel 4*. 1.30 *Channel 4*. 1.55 *Channel 4*. 2.00 *Channel 4*. 2.30 *Channel 4*. 2.55 *Channel 4*. 3.00 *Channel 4*. 3.30 *Channel 4*. 3.55 *Channel 4*. 4.00 *Channel 4*. 4.30 *Channel 4*. 4.55 *Channel 4*. 5.00 *Channel 4*. 5.30 *Channel 4*. 5.55 *Channel 4*. 6.00 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MARKETS	THE POUND
FT 30 Share 1424.2 (-1.5)	US dollar 1.8325 (+0.0040)
FT-SE 100 1756.1 (+3.5)	W German mark 3.1821 (-0.0150)
USM (Datastream) 146.14 (-0.94)	Trade-weighted 77.7 (-0.1)

Executive Editor  
David Brewerton

## Morton is 'relaxed' on protest

Mr Alastair Morton, Eurotunnel's joint chairman, said yesterday he was "relaxed" over protests from the five French companies digging the tunnel that they were being unfairly blamed for a six-month slippage in the project.

Mr Morton said he believed their reaction stemmed from a public warning he delivered last August to Transmanche Link, the Anglo-French construction consortium.

In the City, where Eurotunnel shares rose 2p to 419p, it is understood that Mr Morton is applying behind-the-scenes pressure to ensure initial delays are minimized.

## Polly Peck up

Pre-tax profits at Polly Peck, the international trader, increased from £86.2 million to £107.3 million in the year to September 3. A second interim dividend of 5p is declared, payable on February 28.

## Bulmer fall

Pre-tax profits of HP Bulmer, the cider maker, fell by 19 per cent in the six months to the end of October to £2.2 million. The interim dividend is up 5p to 2.685p a share.

## Payout jumps

Charter Consolidated's interim dividend rises by 0.5p to 4.75p a share following interim pre-tax profits of £32.1 million (£26.1 million).

## STOCK MARKETS

New York	2185.14 (-8.83)
Dow Jones	2185.14 (-8.83)
Nikkei Average	29784.73 (+188.82)
Hong Kong	2942.08 (-8.84)
Amsterdam	277.1 (-1.5)
Sydney	1467.7 (-0.1)
Frankfurt	1807.7 (+7.4)
Brussels	1607.2 (+1.1)
General	1607.2 (+1.1)
Paris CAC	3047.7 (-1.1)
Zurich SMI	811.1 (-1.0)
FT-A All-Share	1424.2 (-1.5)
FT-100	1756.1 (+3.5)
FT-100 Index	1756.1 (+3.5)
FT-100 Div	1756.1 (+3.5)
FT-100 Net	1756.1 (+3.5)
FT-100 Vol	1756.1 (+3.5)
FT-100 Trd	1756.1 (+3.5)
FT-100 Op	1756.1 (+3.5)
FT-100 Cl	1756.1 (+3.5)
FT-100 H	1756.1 (+3.5)
FT-100 L	1756.1 (+3.5)
FT-100 O	1756.1 (+3.5)
FT-100 C	1756.1 (+3.5)
FT-100 B	1756.1 (+3.5)
FT-100 A	1756.1 (+3.5)
FT-100 M	1756.1 (+3.5)
FT-100 J	1756.1 (+3.5)
FT-100 I	1756.1 (+3.5)
FT-100 D	1756.1 (+3.5)
FT-100 N	1756.1 (+3.5)
FT-100 E	1756.1 (+3.5)
FT-100 S	1756.1 (+3.5)
FT-100 W	1756.1 (+3.5)
FT-100 Y	1756.1 (+3.5)
FT-100 P	1756.1 (+3.5)
FT-100 Q	1756.1 (+3.5)
FT-100 R	1756.1 (+3.5)
FT-100 T	1756.1 (+3.5)
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FT-100 W	1756.1 (+3.5)
FT-100 X	1756.1 (+3.5)
FT-100 Y	1756.1 (+3.5)
FT-100 Z	1756.1 (+3.5)

## MAIN PRICE CHANGES

RISERS	FALLS
Scholes Group	248p (+13p)
G Oliver	525p (+10p)
ICI	904p (+10p)
Enterprise	482p (+10p)
LASMO	482p (+10p)
Heveler Siddeley	321p (+8p)
Uden-E-Ze	295p (-45p)
Johnson Matthey	335p (-15p)
A Cohen	875p (-5p)
Havelock Europe	158p (-12p)
Yale & Vator	300p (-15p)
Barton Transport	685p (-20p)
Charter Corp	485p (-10p)
DAKS Simpson A	605p (-15p)
Henderson Admin	625p (-15p)
Rosehaugh	507p (-10p)
Laing Prop	444p (-5p)
Mounfield	155p (-8p)
United Scientific	105p (-5p)
Bulough	427p (-12p)
Closing prices	
Bargain	1928p
SEAQ Volume	450.4m

## INTEREST RATES

London Bank Base	13%
3-month interbank	13.14-13.15%
3-month eligible bills	12.11-12.12%
buying rate	
US Prime Rate	10.5%
Federal Funds Rate	8.12-8.14%
3-month Treasury Bill	8.12-8.14%
30-year bonds	9.5-9.55%

## CURRENCIES

London	New York
\$1.8325	\$1.8325
DM3.1821	DM3.1821
SwF2.6809	SwF2.6809
FF10.8759	FF10.8759
Yen122.57	Yen122.57
Indec27.7	Indec27.7
ECU 0.65662	ECU 0.65662

## GOLD

London Fixing	429.00
AM 429.00	PM 429.00
COMEX 429.00	429.00
NEW YORK	429.00
COMEX 429.00	429.00

## NORTH SEA OIL

Brent (Jan)	14.95
North Sea	14.95
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## STOCK WATCH

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● Market news on Stock-watch yesterday included: Coats Viyella (01187) with a profits downgrade lost 11p; Charter Consolidated (03253) slipped 28p on restructuring proposals; Lonrho (01182) was down 3p on doubts over the Bond holding.

● Recent additions include: Haemocoil 03528; Apollo Metals 03529; Apollo Metals 8% conv pref 03530.

● Calls charged 5p for 8 seconds peak, 12 seconds off peak inc. VAT.

# Coats Viyella warns of 40% profits slump

By John Bell, City Editor

British Textile Confederation show imports 9 per cent higher by value in the first nine months of 1988 while exports rose only 2 per cent.

Mr Alliance said that the current combination of high interest rates, strong imports and pressure on consumer spending did not amount to a crisis for the industry. "But others may have to take the kind of action that we have already put in hand," he said.

Textile workers are bracing themselves for further job losses next year after a year of restructuring and closures which led to thousands of redundancies.

Mr Tom Kirk, general secretary of the National Union of Hosiery and Knitwear Workers, blamed increased cheap imports and lack of government action for the extreme measures taken by Coats Viyella. "This is not a happy time for the industry. We are very concerned about 1989," he said.

Coats Viyella's knitwear factory in Mansfield is closing and smaller units are earmarked for closure. The company has reduced its workforce by 4,000 in 1988.

The lower profits would arise partly from stronger sterling and the adverse effect on translation of overseas earnings, which account for about half the group's total.

"But they also arise from our determination to hold on to our market share," he said. "Though we are importing and will continue to do so in selective parts of our business, we have resisted the temptation to go for easy profits by importing even more at the expense of those operations

which we believe can be made internationally competitive," he added.

Mr Alliance said Coats Viyella spent more than £80 million in 1987 on making the business more efficient. It would spend more than £80 million this year and next.

In the City, the leading textiles analyst Mr David Buck of BZW said that Coats Viyella had been swift to take account of the negative effects of "Black Friday", last month when interest rates jumped 1 percentage point to 13 per cent in response to a record trade deficit. The direct impact of higher interest rates had little impact on the leading quoted companies which had low borrowings, he said. But the secondary effect of lower consumer spending and stronger sterling could be significant.

He forecast that UK textile volume might fall next year for the first time since 1981 and that import prices could drop 19 per cent relative to British manufactured goods.

Coats also gave warning that inflation in Latin America, where it has a substantial business, had become more severe and that this would also affect profits for 1988.

"Present indications are that pre-tax profits for the year could be as much as 40 per cent down after charging non-recurring costs of around £15 million. This would reduce the full-year outcome to around £128 million before tax compared with £213 million last year.

There would also be restructuring and closure costs of £25 million to be dealt with as extraordinary items below the line. The board intends to pay an unchanged final dividend of 6p for the year.

## RTZ launches negotiations to buy BP mineral interests

By Colin Campbell

RTZ last night entered formal and exclusive talks with British Petroleum to buy the oil company's mineral assets worldwide, with the exception of the 64 per cent-owned BP Canada.

The deal is conservatively valued at £1.8 billion, though the price could reach £2 billion, and raises questions of how RTZ would fund its purchase.

RTZ and BP said a further announcement will be made in due course.

The mineral interests of BP cover precious metals and

minerals from gold, silver, uranium, titanium, copper, to zinc and lead. The geographical spread takes in Norway, Mexico, South Africa, Papua New Guinea, Zimbabwe, Indonesia, the United States and Alaska. Most of the assets under discussion are in the US and include Bingham Canyon mine.

The metals assets on the table recorded an operating profit of £180 million in the first nine months of 1988, compared with a profit of £125 million for all of 1987.

The assets for sale equate to roughly 8 per cent of BP Group's total fixed assets at the end of December, then valued at £22.6 billion.

BP's planned sale would be in line with its philosophy of returning to its roots.

For RTZ, fairly flush with cash from recent asset sales to complement its own substantial cash resources, the purchase of BP Minerals would be a natural extension of its mining/mineral interests.

RTZ shares, which since Friday have fallen on funding fears, were 4p higher last night at 393p. BP rose 6p to 259p.

## Co-op jumps in with new bank account

By Maria Scott

The Co-operative Bank is attempting to steal some thunder from leading high street clearing banks by launching an interest-bearing current account several weeks before they do.

The bank estimates it has about 3 per cent of the personal current account market and hopes to drive that figure up to 5 per cent.

Interest rises in four bands, from 4.5 per cent net of tax on balances up to £400 to 8.5 per cent on balances of more than £2,500.

The account includes all the usual services.

## Train-making to be sold by Laird

By Derek Harris, Industrial Editor

Laird, the sealings, packaging and engineering group, has a "for sale" sign on its Metro-Cammell interests in manufacturing, trains, buses and taxis and is talking to more than six possible buyers for parts of the business, mainly from abroad.

Laird is to sell the division partly because it contributes barely 4 per cent of group profits compared with more than half in 1983.

The buses and cabs operation, which trades as Metro-Cammell Weymann, is a loss-maker, but train-making is

not. Laird estimates that excluding the results of the transport division, its pre-tax profits for the year to the end of this month will exceed those of 1987. Interest in train manufacture is large because both London Underground and British Rail's Network South East are about to start placing orders which could be worth at least £800 million.

Metro-Cammell makes commuter trains such as those used on BR suburban services and has been the leading manufacturer for London Underground.

## A toast to success for Midsummer

MARC ASPLAND



Cashing in on the leisure boom: Adam Page, Midsummer's chairman, celebrates a sharp rise in profits yesterday

Midsummer Leisure, the public house, snooker club and discotheque company, has cashed in on the leisure boom by lifting pre-tax profits 176 per cent last year to £6.4 million (Cliff Feltham writes).

Turnover rose from £17.5 million to just over £40 million. Earnings per share rose 51 per cent to 10.4p, while

shareholders collect a 75 per cent hike in the total dividend to 2.8p.

Mr Adam Page, the chairman, said he was surprised the City had not warmed to his company's shares. With analysts looking for about £11 million this year, the shares, 3p better at 170p, are on a prospective price/earnings ratio of just over 10. "Growth is still accelerating and

we have issued little paper this year, so I think the shares should be higher".

The bulk of profits came from leisure retailing, which includes the chain of Riley snooker clubs, earnings rising from £2.5 million to £6.1 million. Leisure services contributed £886,000 (£177,000) and contract services £767,000 (£240,000).

## Unprecedented move after boom in public finances

## 'Reverse auction' to buy gilts

By David Smith, Economics Correspondent

Mr Nigel Lawson, the Chancellor, has announced that the Bank of England is to hold a "reverse auction" next month, in order to buy in £500 million of gilt-edged securities.

The unprecedented reverse auction, on January 13, will formalize the process of buying in gilts, which the Bank of England has been doing quietly for several months.

The need has arisen because of the favourable situation for

public finances, with a public sector debt repayment of £9.8 billion forecast for this year.

In order to meet its commitment of exactly funding public sector borrowing, the debt repayment means the Bank of England has to "unfund" by buying stock from the market.

The £500 million reverse auction, the only one in the current financial year, although more are likely in the future, will be for two short-

dated stocks - Exchequer 10 per cent 1989 and Exchequer 11 per cent 1989.

Financial institutions and individuals will be able to participate in the auction, as well as market-makers. For individuals, the minimum amount of stock that can be offered is £1,000. No dealing costs will be involved.

The auction will also help ease money market pressures during the January corporate

tax-paying season. Bank officials said.

The announcement helped produce a small rally in the gilt market.

Mr John Sheppard, economist at Warburg Securities, said the fact that reverse auctions were being introduced suggested official expectations were of public sector debt repayments for some time to come.

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## Factory output up strongly

Manufacturing output continued to rise strongly through the autumn, official figures show. But overall industrial production was hit by the Piper Alpha oil disaster.

The index of manufacturing output rose 0.2 per cent in October, to a level 6.1 per cent up on a year earlier. In the latest three months, output was 2.3 per cent up on the previous three months and 6.8 per cent up on a year earlier.

Industrial production as a whole fell by 0.3 per cent in October. In the latest three months it rose by 0.7 per cent, and by 3.2 per cent on a year earlier, below the officially estimated trend growth rate of 5 per cent.

Officials said the trend rate of growth in manufacturing was about 7 per cent. Output has been recording growth rates of 5.5 per cent or more since the spring of last year, and past evidence would suggest that a slowdown is likely next year.

But officials said there was no slowdown showing up yet in the figures, and the CBI's latest industrial trends survey suggested the strength of output will persist until well into the New Year.

Electrical and instrument engineering is the strongest growing sector, with production up 5.5 per cent in the latest three months.

## Dollar falls despite US deficit cut

The US trade deficit narrowed to \$10.35 billion (£5.65 billion) last month, from \$10.67 billion in September (David Smith writes). But the improvement failed to impress the markets and the dollar fell back sharply.

The trade deficit narrowed in October as exports fell to \$27.67 billion (\$27.99 billion) and imports fell to \$38.02 bil-

lion (\$38.66 billion). But import weakness persuaded some market operators that the Federal Open Market Committee will delay tightening US monetary policy.

This was seen as leaving the dollar vulnerable as interest rates in Europe are rising. The central banks of Belgium and the Netherlands raised key interest rates by a quarter of a

point yesterday and West German money market rates rose in the expectation of a increase in the Lombard rate to 5.5 per cent - to be agreed at the Bundesbank Council meeting today.

The dollar closed 1.2 pence down at DM1.7365. The pound rose half a cent to \$1.8325. It fell 1.5 pence to DM3.1821 against the mark.

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# Scotch whisky boosted by EEC decision on 40% rule

By Michael Dynes and Derek Harris

European Economic Community agriculture ministers yesterday agreed on a liquor-labelling regulation which will protect the Scotch whisky industry and prevent manufacturers of cheaper imitations from passing off their products as the real thing.

After implementation of the new regulation, which still has to be approved by the European Parliament, no one will be able to sell anything called whisky unless it has a minimum of 40 per cent alcohol by volume.

The move was welcomed by the Scotch Whisky Association as a big boost to the industry, but the Association

of Low Strength Scotch Whisky Producers called it "a bad, mad decision."

Mr John MacGregor, the Minister of Agriculture, said: "This is very good news for the Scotch whisky industry, which is one of Britain's major export earners."

He said the breakthrough came after a midnight discussion with his Irish counterpart, Mr Michael O'Kennedy, which resulted in the unanimous agreement required for the decision to pass into Community law.

Britain has been involved in six years of complex negotiations to define EEC-wide alcohol production standards

and minimum strengths, but Ireland, which sells modest quantities of "whiskey" at less than 40 per cent alcohol by volume, proved to be the main stumbling block.

Mr MacGregor also said he had been assured that proposed changes in Japan's liquor tax - which heavily discriminates against Scotch whisky - will be introduced in April.

Lower strength Scotch whiskeys, often selling at about £2 less than typical full-strength brands, may not disappear from supermarket shelves for some time.

An attempt to protect them for several Christmases yet

by securing a long changeover period is to be made by the Association of Low Strength Scotch Whisky Producers.

The association is seeking meetings with ministers at the Ministry of Agriculture. Mr Malcolm Hurlston, the chairman, said the EEC decision would "have the effect of making whisky uncompetitive against other spirits and reducing the choice available to the customer."

Scotch whiskeys of under 40 per cent alcohol content have represented a growing sector in British retailing because the lower strength means a lower price, as less duty is paid.

## Hillsdown 'bid' is referred

Any prospective bid for Pittard Garnar by Hillsdown Holdings, the food group with leather interests, has been temporarily blocked by a reference to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission.

Pittard is already the subject of a referred £41 million bid by Strong & Fisher, another quoted leather company.

The decision by Lord Young, the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, to look at a "contemplated" bid has puzzled Hillsdown.

Last week it took the unusual step of asking for a ruling on whether an offer for Pittard or an increase in its stake from the current 16.6 per cent level would be grounds for a reference. It said its inquiry did not indicate that it would make a bid.

Lord Young has also stopped Hillsdown from buying any more shares in Pittard. He used the same order to make the prohibition that was implemented after Elders DXL went on its share-buying spree in Scottish & Newcastle Breweries the day its £1.6 billion bid was referred to the MMC.

The power was also used to stop Strong & Fisher buying any more Pittard shares when its bid was referred.

The MMC has been asked to make its report in three months. Lord Young considers that there are possible effects on competition in sheepskin fellingmongering, particularly in Scotland, which deserve investigation.

Strong & Fisher shares fell 1p to 22½p and Pittard slipped 1p to 19½p.

## Armstrong acceptances

Wardle Stores, the plastic sheeting manufacturer bidding £80 million for Armstrong Equipment, has received acceptances for about 3.6 per cent of the shares and the offer will now close on December 28.

Armstrong's board has noted the low level of acceptances and has urged shareholders to take no action and continue to support the company's new management under the chairmanship of Mr Ray Watts, of Thames Water.

## Avimo losses hit United

More than £3 million of losses at the troubled Avimo (Taunton) operation have left United Scientific's pre-tax profits lower at £10.1 million for the year to end-September, against £11.1 million.

Earnings per share fell from 14.4p to 9.4p, but the board is recommending a higher final dividend, raising the total for the year from 6.6p to 7.3p.

Mr Leach said that although satellite television will be more available in 1989 broadcast television will "remain the dominant medium during the next few years."

Shop, last week raised its offer to 315p a share cash. Last night Mr John Whitaker, the Peel chairman, said London Shop's circular showed how small its development programme had been in comparison with its whole portfolio.

London Shop shares were unchanged at 318p.

## Peers warn of 1992 threat

Britain's financial services industry will not enjoy the full benefits of the Single European market in 1992 until the exchange rate is stabilized, a House of Lords report says today. It also favours Britain joining the European Monetary System.

The peers' EEC select committee, chaired by Lord Kesteven, gives a cautious welcome to a European financial area without exchange controls between member states and backs greater use of the Ecu, without wanting it to be a common currency.

## Scottish buy

Wace Group has acquired David J Clark, a Scottish printer, for up to £3.6 million. The initial consideration of £2 million will be satisfied by the issue of 136,000 new shares and £1.66 million in cash.

## News board

Mr Michael Ruda, group marketing director for News International newspapers and former advertising director of Times Newspapers, has been appointed to the board of News International, which owns The Times.

## Bid falls short

The attempt by Oliver Resources of Dublin to win control of North West Exploration, the Northern Irish explorer, has failed. The offer was accepted in respect of 4.2 million North West shares. Together with shares already owned, this gave Oliver 43.04 per cent. The bid has lapsed.

## Listing sought

Sandell Group, the West Midlands office fitting specialist, is seeking a quotation on the USM following an £878,000 placing. Craig, Middleton are placing 30 per cent of the shares at 117p each, valuing the company at £2.9 million.

## Healthy boost

Shares in the USM-quoted Health Care Services, leapt 20p to 81p as the board said it had received approaches from several parties which may lead to a bid for the company.

## Bowater sale

Bowater Industries is selling its Cross Paperware business to Scott Paper. The division has gross sales of about £90 million.



Advertising campaign: Clive Leach and Derek Palmer, the chairman (right), yesterday

## Redundancy plan pegs profit rise to 15.6% at Yorkshire

By Rosemary Unsworth

Yorkshire Television, the smallest of the Big Five ITV contractors, would have seen profits rise by 30 per cent last year but for a large redundancy and reorganization programme designed to shed 150 jobs by next June.

The scheme, which the company instituted in October, has so far seen 91 staff take voluntary redundancy or early retirement. The aim is that this year's costs of £3.68 million, against £350,000 last time, will not be repeated next year. The wage bill also fell £900,000 although only slightly fewer programmes were produced during the year.

Pre-tax profits were nevertheless raised 15.6 per cent from £13.5 million to £15.64 million while net advertising

revenue rose 8 per cent from £119.6 million to £129.4 million in the year to September 30 1988. A final dividend of 6.6p a share, making a total of 9.6p, a 20 per cent rise, has been recommended.

Mr Clive Leach, Yorkshire's managing director, who is mounting a marketing campaign to draw advertisers back to the Yorkshire region, said: "Advertising income was up 8.2 per cent over the previous year. But the company's share of network advertising revenue fell from 9.19 per cent to 8.95 per cent indicating a drift to southern companies."

Sales to the ITV network, shown for the first time following accounting changes between the network and the

contractors from September 2 1988, were worth £5.7 million. Channel Four sales fell to £3.18 million (£4 million) as the phasing of payments for some programmes differed.

Sales to the United States rose from £1.35 million to £1.8 million on the strength of The Attic, the story of Anne Frank, which won an Emmy award. Other sales, including the Mills and Boon stories, helped produce £2.85 million against £2.06 million.

Investment in the loss-making Super Channel cost Yorkshire a one-off £5.45 million last year.

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## 'Cheap' Peel offer, by London Shop

By Cliff Feltman

London Shop, the property developer, has urged its shareholders not to allow Peel Holdings to buy the company "on the cheap."

London Shop, fighting a £283 million bid from Peel, claims it has a record of consistent growth. In a de-

fence circular to shareholders, Mr John Bushell, the chairman, says an up-to-date valuation is being prepared by the surveyors Healey & Baker, which is expected to throw up a big increase in net asset value.

Peel, the edge-of-town developer which already speaks for 29.9 per cent of London

Shop, last week raised its offer to 315p a share cash.

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## BCMB has the Edge

Cocking a snook at the retrenchment going on elsewhere in the City, British & Commonwealth Merchant Bank is pushing ahead with its expansion plans and has, I hear, poached a four-strong private client portfolio management team from Lazard. The team, comprising directors Christopher Edge, aged 55, an executive director of Standard Chartered Bank, was responsible for its commercial banking operations in Europe, tropical Africa and southern Asia. He had been with the bank for 33 years and in April this year was appointed chairman of the Tropical Africa Advisory Group by the Minister of

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### A loss to Standard

The City's fears were confirmed yesterday when one of its own workers was identified as a victim of the Clapham train disaster. Alan Wren, 55, an executive director of Standard Chartered Bank, was responsible for its commercial banking operations in Europe, tropical Africa and southern Asia. He had been with the bank for 33 years and in April this year was appointed chairman of the Tropical Africa Advisory Group by the Minister of

Trade. "He had worked in various hot spots around the world including Iran, Aden and Zimbabwe, only to meet his death in this way," said a shocked colleague. Wren, who lived in a flat in London during the week, was returning from his country home in Dorset, where he had spent the week-end with his wife, and had boarded the train at Bournemouth. Our sincerest condolences go to his wife Heather and three sons, Malcolm, Timothy and Simon.

Is a downright bloody shame. The foreign horde descended They came like Attila the Hun At the personal invitation



"It's a mere \$10.35 billion."

Of Sir Nicholas Goodison. Open the doors, he blithely said. There is business here a plenty, To the thousands who are out of work That promise has proved empty. It is easy two years later To say I told you so, But they didn't want to listen They didn't want to know. So many good men out of work And thousands more will follow, If this is progress, then, my friends, It is very hard to swallow. A once great institution, Destroyed by a deadly coup, Never before in the City Has so much damage been done by so few.

Far from happy, however, is barrister Conrad Deha who received his share application form yesterday, a week after dealings began. "It's absolutely deplorable that it should have taken three weeks to reach me," he says. But, given the performance of the British Steel share price, perhaps they did him a favour.

Carol Leonard

## COMMENT 'Stop me and sell one' - Lawson's latest offer

When the public sector borrowing requirement turned into a public sector debt repayment, it was perhaps inevitable that a way would be found to formalize the buying-in of gilts. The Chancellor's announcement of a clumsily-titled "reverse auction" for gilts, to be held on January 13, which happens to be a Friday, is the chosen method. What will be next step - turning National Savings into National Spendings?

The reverse auction, in which the Bank will buy in £500 million in total of two short-dated gilts, will bring the buying-in process out of the closet and into the open. Nobody else seems to have tried anything like this, but then present conditions are unusual. No longer will buying-in be discussed and agreed in hushed-tone conversations between market-makers and the Bank. Now everyone with at least £1,000 of the relevant gilts will be able to offer them at the reverse auction, even Aunt Agatha.

The stocks that the Bank will buy in at the auction, which will consist of just under an eighth of the total amount of Exchequer 11 per cent 1989 and Exchequer 10 per cent 1989 in issue, are not particularly exciting. The Bank has been conducting much of its buying-in, in the present circumstances of large public sector surpluses, at the long end of the gilt market. The auction is almost in the nature of what can be thought of as more normal buying-in - when the Bank takes on stock ahead of redemption, partly to ensure an orderly market.

The announcement of the reverse auction is a reminder of just how fast the public finances have turned around over the past two years. Then, normal auctions were announced, as an experiment, but with the aim of providing the Bank with a new weapon in its armoury for the time when large public sector borrowing requirements returned. Now we have a reverse auction, and the inevitable conclusion that, in formalizing the buying-in process, the authorities think that public sector debt repayments are here to stay.

That may be premature. Although there are plenty of learned treatises pointing to the continuation of the present position, and to a sharp contraction of the gilt market over time, this has not yet been tested in the conditions of an economic slowdown. Notwithstanding yesterday's strong figures for manufacturing output, maybe we are on the brink of that slowdown now.

## Royal's novel solution

The Royal Bank of Scotland, helped by its merchant bank Charterhouse and by Swiss Bank Corporation Investment banking, has found a novel way of increasing its capital resources to help meet the new supervisory requirements agreed by the Group of Ten central banks in July.

The Royal is raising \$400 million from the issue of perpetual floating rate notes. Because the loan is perpetual, the Bank of England has confirmed that it counts as upper case, tier 2 capital under the international convergence of capital standards agreement.

This stipulates that banks must maintain capital resources of at least 8 per cent, of which at least half must be tier 1 capital and at least half of tier 2 "upper case" (i.e. perpetual rather than term).

The perpetual loan has been made attractive to investors by creating a put option under which, after 15 years, holders have the option annually of selling the notes to a new vehicle created separately from The Royal. The details of this vehicle and other arrangements remain confidential.

Mr Kenneth Thompson, The Royal's finance director, said: "We are delighted with this issue. It will provide qualifying capital at very attractive economic cost. This, together with a further issue of term subordinated debt planned for 1989, will satisfy fully the Group's foreseeable capital requirements, taking account of both the Citizens acquisition in the USA and our recently announced European alliance with Banco Santander."

Following The Royal's acquisitions this year the stock market has been anticipating a rights issue. But Mr Sandy Muirhead, Charterhouse Corporate Finance director, said yesterday: "This categorically and emphatically dispels any chance whatsoever of a rights issue." The Royal's shares rose 2p to 240p.

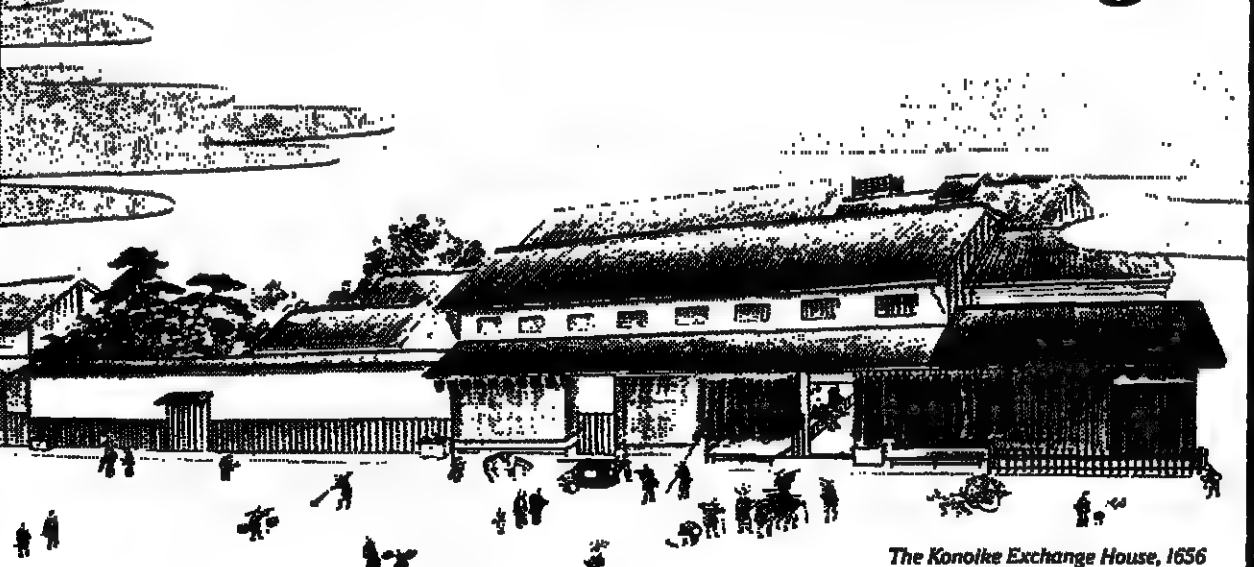
## Building a portfolio

There is nothing like 13 per cent base rates to focus the minds of housebuyers, especially those of first-time buyers and in the over-mortgaged South-east, and the heat has gone out of the housing market. At this time of year little would be moving in any case, and it will be into the New Year before the housebuilders and their City followers can get much of a handle on the market.

In a timely note on the housebuilding sector, Fred Wellings, analyst at Alexander Laing & Cruickshank, who has seen more booms than most and even a few busts in the 1970s, reckons the institutions will be missing a trick if they do not use the present "short-term correction" to buy housebuilding shares. He calculates the average price/earnings ratio is 6.6 for the year ending in two weeks' time, and 6 for the year to next June. Eight companies stand on second-year forecasts of under 5.

The company he rates as the most interesting is Countryside, which has all its eggs in the London commuter belt although it also has a sensible commercial programme. It is hard to disagree.

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75	100.00	99.50	100.00	99.50	-0.5	-0.5
76	100.00	99.50	100.00	99.50	-0.5	-0.5
77	100.00	99.50	100.00	99.50	-0.5	-0.5
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## FOREIGN EXCHANGE:

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES				OTHER STERLING RATES	
Merch rates for Range				Argentina austral* 26.94-26.94 Australia dollar 2.1407-2.1407 Belgian franc 6.9880-6.9880 Brazil cruzeiro* 1184.21-1184.21 Canadian dollar 1.2858-1.2858 French franc 7.4778-7.4778 German mark 1.9375-1.9375 Hong Kong dollar 1.0375-1.0375 Indian rupee 46.35-46.35 Indonesian rupiah 160.00-160.00 Italian lire 20.36-20.36 Japanese yen 100.00-100.00 Mexican peso 16.67-16.67 Netherlands guilder 1.80-1.80 New Zealand dollar 1.5375-1.5375 Norwegian kroner 4.76-4.76 Philippine peso 48.00-48.00 Singapore dollar 1.3500-1.3500 South African rand 3.6125-3.6125 Swiss franc 2.00-2.00 Taiwan dollar 24.00-24.00 Thai baht 10.00-10.00 U.S. dollar 1.00-1.00 U.K. sterling 1.00-1.00 West German mark 1.9375-1.9375 Yen 100.00-100.00 Zairean dollar 20.00-20.00	
Range	Close	1 month	3 month		
New York 1.5793-1.5830	1.5829-1.5830	0.61-0.50p	1.58-1.58p		
London 2.1815-2.1815	2.1815-2.1815	0.00-0.00p	0.00-0.00p		
Amsterdam 1.8604-1.8607	1.8593-1.8596	8p-5p	8p-6p		
12.9999-12.9999	12.97-12.97	9p-11p	9p-10p		
Dublin 1.1862-1.1863	1.1876-1.1896	8p-5p	10p-14p		
Frankfurt 3.1754-3.1762	3.1804-3.1833	6p-5p	6p-5p		
Hamburg 292.99-293.00	293.00-293.00	0.00-0.00p	0.00-0.00p		
Moscow 206.40-206.50	206.50-207.50	47-30p	70-50p		
Paris 1.7876-1.7878	1.7825-1.7847	10p-5p	10p-5p		
Oslo 1.0548-1.0587	1.0591-1.0598	4p-4p	12p-11p		
Osaka 223.25-223.25	223.25-223.25	1p-1p	1p-1p		
Tokyo 223.25-223.25	223.25-223.25	1p-1p	1p-1p		
Vinnyts 22.99-22.99	22.99-22.99	15-14p	48p-48p		
Zagreb 2.8778-2.8788	2.8778-2.8788	1p-1p	1p-1p		
Premium = pr. Discount = ds.				U.S. dollar rates quoted by Robert and Benjamin Sachs Inc.	
DOLLAR SPOT RATES					
England 1.5400-1.5418	Denmark 6.7050-6.7060				
Ireland 1.5815-1.5820	France 6.5500-6.5500				
Malaysia 2.8950-2.8950	Switzerland 1.4815-1.4825				
Netherlands 1.1700-1.1725	Netherlands 6.5500-6.5500				
Spain 1.6515-1.6520	France 6.5500-6.5500				
Sweden 6.0250-6.0300	Austria 122.50-122.80				
Norway 6.4650-6.4850					
Rates supplied by Barclays Bank, NYPEX and Eutek					

## LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

<b>FT-SE 100</b>		<b>Previous open interest 17682</b>		<b>US Treasury Bond</b>		<b>Previous open interest 1000</b>	
Jun 89	1773.0	1760.0	1773.0	95-02	95-12	95-02	95-12
Jul 89	1773.0	1760.0	1773.0	95-02	95-12	95-02	95-12
<b>Three Month Sterling</b>		<b>Previous open interest 89900</b>		<b>Long Gilt</b>		<b>Previous open interest 1000</b>	
Dec 88	86.70	86.80	86.75	94-25	94-27	94-25	94-27
Jun 89	86.70	86.80	86.75	94-25	94-27	94-25	94-27
Jul 89	86.70	86.80	86.75	94-25	94-27	94-25	94-27
<b>Three Month Eurodollar</b>		<b>Previous open interest 51596</b>		<b>Japanese Gov Bond</b>		<b>Previous open interest 1000</b>	
Jun 89	90.98	90.98	90.98	107-30	107-30	107-30	107-30
Jul 89	90.98	90.98	90.98	107-30	107-30	107-30	107-30
Aug 89	90.98	90.98	90.98	107-30	107-30	107-30	107-30
<b>Three Month Eurodollar</b>		<b>Previous open interest 51596</b>		<b>German Gov Bond</b>		<b>Previous open interest 1000</b>	
Jun 89	90.98	90.98	90.98	93-24	93-24	93-24	93-24
Jul 89	90.98	90.98	90.98	93-24	93-24	93-24	93-24
Aug 89	90.98	90.98	90.98	93-24	93-24	93-24	93-24
<b>Three Month Eurodollar</b>		<b>Previous open interest 51596</b>		<b>Swiss Gov Bond</b>		<b>Previous open interest 1000</b>	
Jun 89	90.98	90.98	90.98	93-24	93-24	93-24	93-24
Jul 89	90.98	90.98	90.98	93-24	93-24	93-24	93-24
Aug 89	90.98	90.98	90.98	93-24	93-24	93-24	93-24

## COMMODITIES

		<b>LONDON FOX</b>		<b>LONDON METAL EXCHANGES</b>		<b>MEAT &amp; LIVESTOCK COMMODITIES</b>	
		<b>Official prices/last previous day</b>		<b>Official prices/last previous day</b>		<b>Official prices/last previous day</b>	
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## GENERAL APPOINTMENTS

December 15, 1988

A building society chief makes a call for expertise and knowledge to be respected as the qualities of an executive

The range of financial products and services available from your local building society has changed out of all recognition during the past few years. But the organization itself is probably much the same as it has been for decades, and therein lies a problem. By accident or design, the management structures of many societies reflect their past corporate objectives and desired management style. They tend to be hierarchical, even monolithic, with a long chain from top to bottom, and with the emphasis on financial control and audit.

Power and authority come from position in the hierarchy, rather than from knowledge and expertise, and management systems tend to serve internal rather than customer needs.

The result is an organization that relies heavily on precedent and encourages conservatism and in which managers are encouraged to look up and think about how the boss would deal with particular issues, rather than dealing with them themselves. Decision-making is slow, because decisions tend



Jeremy del Strother: message

to float upwards. Administration and control become higher-status activities than customer liaison and service.

Do these characteristics reflect societies' new business objectives in the deregulated financial service market? Not at all. What societies need now is to be innovative, flexible, agile and

orientated towards the customer — the power culture of the past simply will not work in the society of the future.

To a certain extent, this is already happening. My own society, Nationwide Anglia, is already well down the road, with managers taking an increasing responsibility for the profitability and development of their own sections and being encouraged to follow up their own initiatives.

The introduction of market-led product development is also making a real difference. But it is not until the message reaches the troops that changes really start to happen. It is a long process, and it starts with getting the right recruits.

Societies have traditionally relied on school- and college-leavers for the bulk of their manpower. But the number of leavers is expected to fall dramatically during the next few years, and we

have to start looking elsewhere. Part-time and mature workers — mainly women who have interrupted a career to raise a family — could form a large part of this new workforce.

But the largest untapped source is simply men. Careers advisers in schools and colleges do not seem to see men as a natural fit for front-line branch staff vacancies and there is a preconception, inside and outside the building society industry, that these jobs are not appropriate for men — something that we need to try to break down.

When you have the staff, you need to keep them. To recruit and keep the best people purely through salary is likely to prove very expensive indeed. True, the best have to be rewarded, and the rewards have to be high. But well thought-out training and personal development, giving the individual the opportunity to advance in

a rewarding direction within the same organization, are an equally important part of any employment package.

This is even more important now that building societies are developing into more complex and sophisticated organizations. Inevitably they are turning the rather narrow building society manager of the past into a highly marketable commodity, very attractive to competitors inside and outside the building society field.

Although it is traditionally difficult for training managers to offer a precise, easily quantifiable pay-back for their efforts, some organizations have already realized that training and personal development are vital factors in keeping good staff. The enlightened ones are targeting 10 days off-the-job development per

employee per year — that is certainly what happens at Nationwide Anglia. As to the rest, there is a strong feeling in human resources development circles that if training managers are short of funds, then they have not adequately demonstrated the cost-benefit equation, and they have only themselves to blame.

Many societies do already provide facilities and a structure for personal development, including financial support. A crucial factor that is often missing, however, is management commitment to the process. It is crucial because a key element for success is motivation. Individual aspirations are not enough. They have to be supported and encouraged at all levels by managers who take the development of their subordinates seriously.

The aim has to be to reduce hierarchies and make links across

the organization, perhaps by using dual reporting lines. Managers need to be educated to accept unclear relationships, frequent change and uncertainty. They need to accept, even welcome, the reduced status of the power barons as knowledge and expertise rather than tradition and length of service become the source of authority.

It is tempting to say that the ultimate winner in all this will be the customer. And to a very large extent that is true. But it is the organization that takes these lessons on board and really makes them work that will attract and keep the business. If building societies are serious about their aspirations to lead the personal finance field, then that is a lesson they will have to learn, the sooner the better.

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SQUASH RACKETS

# Why Hall is a case of that will do nicely in the North

By Colin McQuillan

While UTC Cannons and Mayflower Lambs were ensuring that their London derby next week would take them into the second half of the season as runaway leaders of the American Express Premier League, a lower level local affair in Manchester on Tuesday showed why national league squash was likely to survive and flourish after five years of umbrella sponsorship by the credit card company ends in May.

Manchester Northern and Village Halls are sponsored by Jim Hall, Manchester's most prominent sports retailer. On Tuesday he had 10 players on court with his name on their shirts before a packed house at the Northern Lawn Tennis and Squash Club. In every round, naturally, Hall was the winner.

It was almost incidental to Hall that Northern defeated Village 4-1, that Geoff Williams approached his incisive and exciting best betting friend, Tanner 9-4, 9-1, 9-5 in 38 minutes and that Ashley Naylor's mind was more on his new computer programming business than on his 7-9, 4-9, 3-9 drubbing from Colin Keill.

Already strongly connected to local football through his supply of the Manchester United club strip and involvement with the Bobby Charlton Sports School, Hall has made his business central to Manchester squash.

Northern's win placed them a

distant fifth in the league and only the abysmal performance of Serviscope Thornbridge, involved in their seventh successive loss against Castlemaine Weston this week, keeps Village off the bottom.

But Williams, Naylor, Taber, Mark Maclean and Keith are leading characters on the vibrant northern scene and all work happily towards Hall's further success.

The sponsor himself has a natural sympathy for Northern, where he plays and trains. A new franchise agreement for the retail sports shops of all three Village sporting hotels in the Manchester area explains his commercial interest.

Cannons and Lambs are serving the financial backers similarly in London.

Such is the strength of these London squads that Paul Carter, the new British champion, was still required to play at fourth string for Cannons. In familiar fashion he took 100 minutes to defeat Paul Gregory 9-7, 9-2, 9-10, 9-6 after holding three match balls in the third game.

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RACKETS

# Cheltenham make reappearance

By William Stephens

This year's Public Schools Singles championship, which began today at Queen's Club, are notable for the participation of boys from two additional schools - Cheltenham and Westminster.

Cheltenham's last entry was in the doubles of 1939 and Westminster's in 1926; their courts were then closed. One of Cheltenham's courts was reopened this year, and Westminster boys are now playing at Queen's Club.

The motivation to take up rackets again has come in both cases from the present headmasters, Richard Morgan at Cheltenham and David Summerscale at Westminster.

Both were pupils at Sherborne, which is not a Rackets-playing school. However, they entered the Noel Bruce Cup three times together, and in 1965 they beat Charterhouse 3-0 in the first round and then took two games from Eton II, represented by Garth Milne, who was twice Public Schools Singles champion, and Tim Pugh.

Cheltenham's leading players are Jonathan Rooney, the captain of rackets, Tom Carless and John Boddington, the son of the former England squash rackets captain, R. M. H. Boddington, is a particularly exciting player who relishes double-handed aggression.

CYCLING

# Elusive champions

Britain's two amateur road champions, Neil Hoban and Lisa Brambani, may not be available for a big event like the Milk Race.

Paul McHugh, three times national sprint champion, is listed among the squad but there is a question mark about his future; he has said that he wants to turn professional and race abroad.

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# Australian Totes show the way



RACING AND THE BOOKMAKERS

In its argument for a greater return from the bookmakers, British racing cites the generally happy relationship

between a thriving sport and betting in Australia.

In this second part of The Times' analysis, Christopher R. Hill

explains the workings of the Totalisator Agency

Boards

A much-paraded quote in the debate on the funding of British racing comes from Bart Cummings, a leading Australian trainer. "We started off our racing 300 years behind you," he told British racing journalists. "Now we're about 300 years in front."

Cummings was singing the praises of the Australian Totalisator Agency Boards (TABs), the state-by-state Totes which control all off-course betting and contribute greatly to a racing industry that is healthier than ever.

Compared with Australia, the financing of racing in Britain is pathetic.

In the year to March 31, 1988, British bookmakers' turnover was £3,126 million. From this, about £28 million (and a further £770,000 from the Tote) was returned by the bookmakers through the Horserace Betting Levy Board for the benefit of racing (That refers only to the 80 per cent of turnover customarily assumed to be derived from horse racing, and therefore liable to the levy; most of the remainder comes from greyhound betting, which does not pay any levy).

The Australian scene is very different. Racing flourishes throughout the country, with the exception of Western Australia. It is a reasonable estimate that in 1987 the Australian state Totes returned £68 million to racing - more than twice British racing's yield from betting and from a lower turnover, probably in the region of £2.8 billion.

Lord Newall, chairman of the British Greyhound Racing Board, is convinced that the Australian way of funding racing and other sports is correct.

In a discussion paper issued last month, he pressed for a Betting Board "to finance (from a proportion of the proceeds of the Levy) the establishment in Britain of a highly computerized cash and credit operation on the lines of the proven Australian TAB system".

He said: "This operation would link by computer with the on-course markets all off-course totalisator betting money (less general betting duty and proposed levy) through to the racecourse totalisators."

"It would be a full-scale cash and credit alternative to High Street bookmaker betting, working in direct competition."

"The bookmakers would bet on singles, doubles, trebles, accumulators, etcetera, based on starting

prices, and would be required to

decide that the bookmakers should pay to the Horserace Betting Levy Board more than the present 0.88 per cent of turnover. Everything, says the racing lobby, could be improved with more funding: prize-money, stable lads' housing, race-course facilities.

What makes the Australian experience so attractive? How do racing and betting inter-relate?

Racing is organized state by state, each with its own Minister, legislation and taxation system. Some Australian-wide statistics do exist, and they are presented to the annual international conference of racing

authorities, held in Paris at the time of the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe. They must be treated with some caution, but for 1987 the Tote turnover was listed as:

On-course £280m  
Off-course £1,684m  
Total £1,964m

The state governments received £155 million (8 per cent) and £68 million (3.5 per cent) was returned to racing. Other figures indicate that in three states alone - New South Wales, Western Australia and Victoria - £50 million was returned to horse racing in a year.

Bookmakers' on-course turnover (bookmaking is illegal off-course) was £843 million in 1987. No figure was given for the tax paid, which varies from state to state: in Western Australia, for example, bookmakers pay 2 per cent on the first \$400,000 (about £46,000) of turnover, and 2½ per cent thereafter.

In the year to July 31, 1988, according to the Western Australia TAB, bookmakers turned over £71,627 million on racing, and £12,558 million and £2,325 million on trotting and greyhounds.

In Victoria, bookmakers' turnover was £351,162 million, or 22.7 per cent of the total legal gambling market. In this same year, the bookmaker submits his tax return to the race club at which he operates, and the tax is divided equally between the state government and the club.

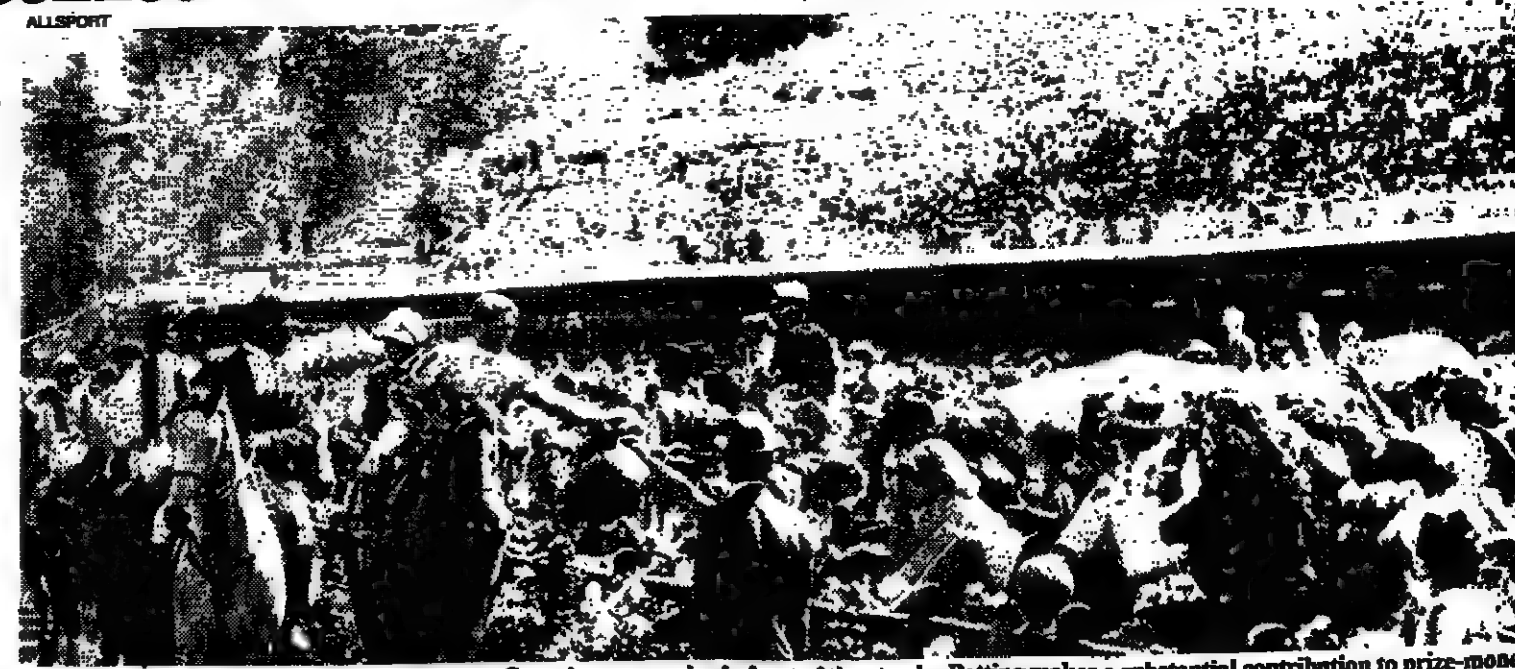
On-course Totes are another source of revenue to the clubs. They pay varying rates of tax on different types of bet. In Western Australia, for example, they pay 7.5 per cent on win and place bets at metropolitan courses, and 3.5 per cent at provincial and country courses.

By far the most important sources of tax for state governments, and of revenue to racing, are the state TABs, set up in the 1960s to meet the market for off-course betting, which until then had been conducted illegally by starting price bookmakers.

In 1987-88, the TABs' racing turnover in three states was:

Western Australia £128m  
Victoria £553m  
New South Wales £848m

The amounts paid to the state



Rich returns: Empire Race, the 1988 Melbourne Cup winner, parades in front of the stands. Betting makes a substantial contribution to prize-money

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The Epsom Derby is Britain's richest race, but with £296,000 for the winner it lags far behind the Breeders' Cup Classic in the United States (£750,000), the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe in France (£500,000), and the Melbourne Cup (£430,000). British racing argues that a greater return from betting turnover would enable it to increase prize-money and to attract better horses

price returns and fixed odds-type forecast betting, plus ante-post. They would not use mathematical formulae for forecast betting which do not show predetermined odds

"A network of off-course totalisator betting outlets would need to be established, possibly by utilizing town centre post offices and existing Tote bookmakers' shops, which would be divested of the bookmaking side of their operation."

Luca Cumani, the trainer, has voiced similar thoughts: the Jockey Club should buy the Tote - the subject of a privatization feasibility study - and run it for the direct profit of racing in opposition to the Big Four bookmakers, Ladbrokes, Coral, William Hill and Mecca.

The ideas for a better way of funding British racing are being promoted as the sport seeks to persuade the Home Secretary to decide that the bookmakers should pay to the Horserace Betting Levy Board more than the present 0.88 per cent of turnover. Everything, says the racing lobby, could be improved with more funding: prize-money, stable lads' housing, race-course facilities.

What makes the Australian experience so attractive? How do racing and betting inter-relate?

Racing is organized state by state, each with its own Minister, legislation and taxation system. Some Australian-wide statistics do exist, and they are presented to the annual international conference of racing

authorities, held in Paris at the time of the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe. They must be treated with some caution, but for 1987 the Tote turnover was listed as:

On-course £280m  
Off-course £1,684m  
Total £1,964m

The state governments received £155 million (8 per cent) and £68 million (3.5 per cent) was returned to racing. Other figures indicate that in three states alone - New South Wales, Western Australia and Victoria - £50 million was returned to horse racing in a year.

Bookmakers' on-course turnover (bookmaking is illegal off-course) was £843 million in 1987. No figure was given for the tax paid, which varies from state to state: in Western Australia, for example, bookmakers pay 2 per cent on the first \$400,000 (about £46,000) of turnover, and 2½ per cent thereafter.

In the year to July 31, 1988, according to the Western Australia TAB, bookmakers turned over £71,627 million on racing, and £12,558 million and £2,325 million on trotting and greyhounds.

In Victoria, bookmakers' turnover was £351,162 million, or 22.7 per cent of the total legal gambling market. In this same year, the bookmaker submits his tax return to the race club at which he operates, and the tax is divided equally between the state government and the club.

On-course Totes are another source of revenue to the clubs. They pay varying rates of tax on different types of bet. In Western Australia, for example, they pay 7.5 per cent on win and place bets at metropolitan courses, and 3.5 per cent at provincial and country courses.

By far the most important sources of tax for state governments, and of revenue to racing, are the state TABs, set up in the 1960s to meet the market for off-course betting, which until then had been conducted illegally by starting price bookmakers.

In 1987-88, the TABs' racing turnover in three states was:

Western Australia £128m  
Victoria £553m  
New South Wales £848m

The amounts paid to the state

governments (relating to the TABs' entire operation covering all forms of gambling and to the racing industry (excluding trotting and greyhounds) were:

W Australia £26,148m  
Victoria £25,720m  
NSW £18,465m

The Victoria Government sum includes £38 million designated for hospitals and charities. In Victoria and New South Wales, £6,139 million and £6,372 million respectively were paid to the Racecourse Development Fund, which makes grants to all clubs, including trotting and greyhounds. Thus, three state TABs distributed just over £50 million to Flat racing in one year.

Racing's treatment by state governments brings few complaints, except in Western Australia. There a "Task Force", headed by C. W. Quin, a public relations consultant and former journalist, inquired into the industry and reported earlier this year.

It recorded that a series of "unfortunate and unsavoury incidents" had been given widespread publicity and could sap the public's confidence in the sport's integrity. The incidents included several cases of doping and an attack on a senior steward.

The Task Force was, however, mainly concerned with examining racing's financial and administrative systems in Western Australia. It believed Western Australia to be over-taxed and underfunded - echoes of Britain.

Some of its non-metropolitan courses looked down at heel; some owners and trainers were moving to eastern states where prize-money was better, all but the most fortunate trainers, jockeys and breeders were making unacceptably low incomes; some trainers were having to charge below the recommended rates to retain clients.

In contrast, racing in Queensland, South Australia, Victoria and New South Wales had an air of progress and confidence.

The Task Force made some revealing comparisons between states relating to the "galloping code" - as Flat racing is known, to distinguish it from trotting and

greyhound racing. These concerned the percentage of total TAB distribution allocated to the galloping code and the funds available from the Racecourse Development Fund. The results, in £ millions, for 1986-87 were:

	WA	Old NSW	Vic	SA
To Flat racing	5.8	8.1	3.8	22.7
Percentage	56.4	74.5	73.5	73.2
Develop tracks	0.2	5.4	6.1	1.1

The Task Force could not, even operating in Australia, make a state by state comparison of on-course Tote taxes, but it noted that the two most nearly comparable States, Queensland and South Australia, were far better treated.

In Queensland, win and place bets on course were charged 2.5 per cent plus 0.5 per cent for the Development Fund; and in South Australia a sliding scale operated between 1 per cent and 5.25 per cent. These taxes compare with 7.5 per cent (metropolitan) and 3.5 per cent (non-metropolitan) in Western Australia.

In the British context, the most significant point is the Task Force's complaint that the amount creamed off the TAB's operations in Western Australia by the Government was slightly greater than the amount refunded to racing.

In Britain, as *The Times* showed yesterday, the Government, through tax, duty and VAT, takes 9.5 per cent of every £1 bet. The Quin report has already been successful in stimulating legislation to bring the TAB tax in Western Australia back to 6 per cent.

Prize-money is another bone of contention. The Paris international conference figures indicate that total Australian prize money on the Flat was approaching £56 million, with an average per race of £2,232. This compares with an average of £7,000 prize-money per race in the 1988 Flat season in Britain; this high average disguises the fact that 10 per cent of the races had advertised values of £1,000 or less - and 40 per cent of National Hunt races, for that matter.

The prize money offered in Australia is a matter for the individual clubs, whose prosperity varies greatly. In Western Australia, in 1986-87, virtually all the income generated by clubs was spent on operating and maintaining the racecourses - leaving all but a fraction of the £4.8 million prize-money and subsidies to be met from the TAB's subvention.

In Victoria, the Victoria Race Club alone paid £5.1 million in prize-money in 1987-88; in New South Wales, total prize-money was £21 million. The figures may be incomplete and open to some question, but not so much as to prevent a rough comparison with Britain.

On almost every measure (except in Western Australia), racing in Australia is more prosperous than its British counterpart. The explanation is not hard to find.

In the 1960s, the Australians decided not to legalize off-course betting but to give a monopoly to the TABs. A few years earlier, the British industry had had the chance to push for exactly the same thing but failed to take the opportunity.

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The questions for the Home Secretary to consider

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# No race discrimination in refusing Hong Kong teacher qualified status

Hampson v Department of Education and Science

Before Lord Justice Parker, Lord Justice Nourse and Lord Justice Balcombe

[Judgment December 2]

A refusal by the Secretary of State for Education to grant qualified teacher status to a Hong Kong trained teacher was not an unlawful act of discrimination against her under the provisions of the Race Relations Act 1976. Even if there was discrimination within section 1(1) it was rendered lawful by section 41(1)(b).

The Court of Appeal so held (Lord Justice Balcombe dissenting) in dismissing an appeal by the applicant, Theresa Lee Ping Li Hampson, from the decision of the Employment Appeal Tribunal (1988) ICR 278 that had upheld an industrial tribunal's refusal of her claim that in being denied qualified teacher status she had been unlawfully discriminated against.

The applicant, a Chinese national, took a two-year teacher training course in Hong Kong and after eight years of teaching took a further one year's course. She came to England and applied for qualified status so as to enable her to teach in English state schools.

Her application was refused on the ground that the Hong

Kong course was not comparable to an approved course required by regulation 13 of, and Schedule 5 to the Education (Teachers) Regulations (SI 1982 No 106) as it was not for a three-year period or of sufficiently high standard.

She complained to an industrial tribunal that she had been unlawfully discriminated against on the ground of her race contrary to sections 1(1)(b) and 12(1) of the 1976 Act by being refused qualified teacher status.

Section 1(1) provides: "A person discriminates against another... if... (b) he applies to that other a requirement or condition which he applies or would apply equally to persons not of the same racial group as that other, but which he cannot show to be justified irrespective of the colour, race, nationality or ethnic or national origins of the person to whom it is applied; and (iii) which is to the detriment of that other, because he cannot comply with it."

Section 12(1) provides: "It is unlawful for an authority or body which can confer an authorization, or qualification which is needed for, or facilitates, engagement in a particular profession or trade to discriminate against a person - (a) in the terms on which it is prepared to confer on him that authorization or qualification; or (b) by

refusing, or deliberately omitting to grant, his application for it."

Section 75 enacts that the Act applies to acts done by a Minister of the Crown or government department.

Section 41 provides: "(1) Nothing in Parts II to IV shall render unlawful any act of discrimination done - (a) in pursuance of any enactment or Order in Council; or (b) in pursuance of any instrument made under any enactment by a Minister of the Crown..."

Mr Stephen Sedley, QC and Mr Robin Allen for the applicant, Mr Hugh Carlisle, QC and Mr Timothy Hewitt for the department.

LORD JUSTICE BALCOMBE, dissenting, said that he would first consider the department's claim for immunity under section 41. It said that in refusing to approve the course completed by the applicant as comparable to a course within Schedule 5 to the 1982 Regulations, the secretary of state was acting in pursuance of an instrument made under the Education Act 1980 by a Minister of the Crown and was so within the immunity conferred by section 41(1)(b).

That argument was incontestable if the words "in pursuance of any instrument" were apt to include not only acts

done in necessary performance of an express obligation contained in the instrument (the "narrow construction") but also acts done in exercise of a power or discretion conferred by the instrument (the "wide construction").

Both constructions were possible. The wide one was the more natural. Was there anything in the context of the Act which led to an indication that the narrow construction was the correct one?

The narrow construction was in direct conflict with sections 13 to 18 inclusive of the Act. Yet section 41 was not made expressly subject to any of those sections. That led to the inevitable conclusion that the wide construction should be rejected.

The question remained whether the narrow construction was correct or whether some other intermediate one should be found. Parliament in enacting section 41 could not have intended that the secretary of state should be entitled to ignore the racial implications of what he was doing.

There were sound policy reasons for the narrow construction. It should follow that the department was not entitled to section 41 immunity here.

The question then arose as to whether the department could show that the proposed require-

ment or condition as to teacher training was justifiable under section 1(1)(b) of the Act. Assistance on that issue could be derived from Lord Justice Stephenson in *Opitka v Manpower Services Commission* (1982) ICR 661, 674.

"Justifiable" required an objective balance to be made between the discriminatory effect of the requirement or condition and the reasonable needs of the party who applied the requirement or condition.

That construction was supported by the decision of the House of Lords in *Rainey v Greater Glasgow Health Board* (1987) AC 226.

The industrial tribunal's ruling on whether the requirement or condition was "justifiable" was in the circumstances deficient. They had failed to identify the standards by which they were testing the department's justification of the conditions applied to the applicant and they made no finding on whether the content of the applicant's courses was comparable with that of the domestic courses.

It followed that the appeal should be allowed and the case remitted to a fresh industrial tribunal for reconsideration of the applicant's complaint of discrimination.

LORD JUSTICE PARKER

retary of state had a public duty to consider her application and deal with it in accordance with the regulations.

The suggestion that section 41 did not avail him was based solely on the proposition that there was an element of discretion involved. That did not assist, at all events where, as here, there was a positive duty to exercise the discretion.

The industrial tribunal and Employment Appeal Tribunal were correct in holding that the section 41 defence was made out. In reaching that conclusion there was











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